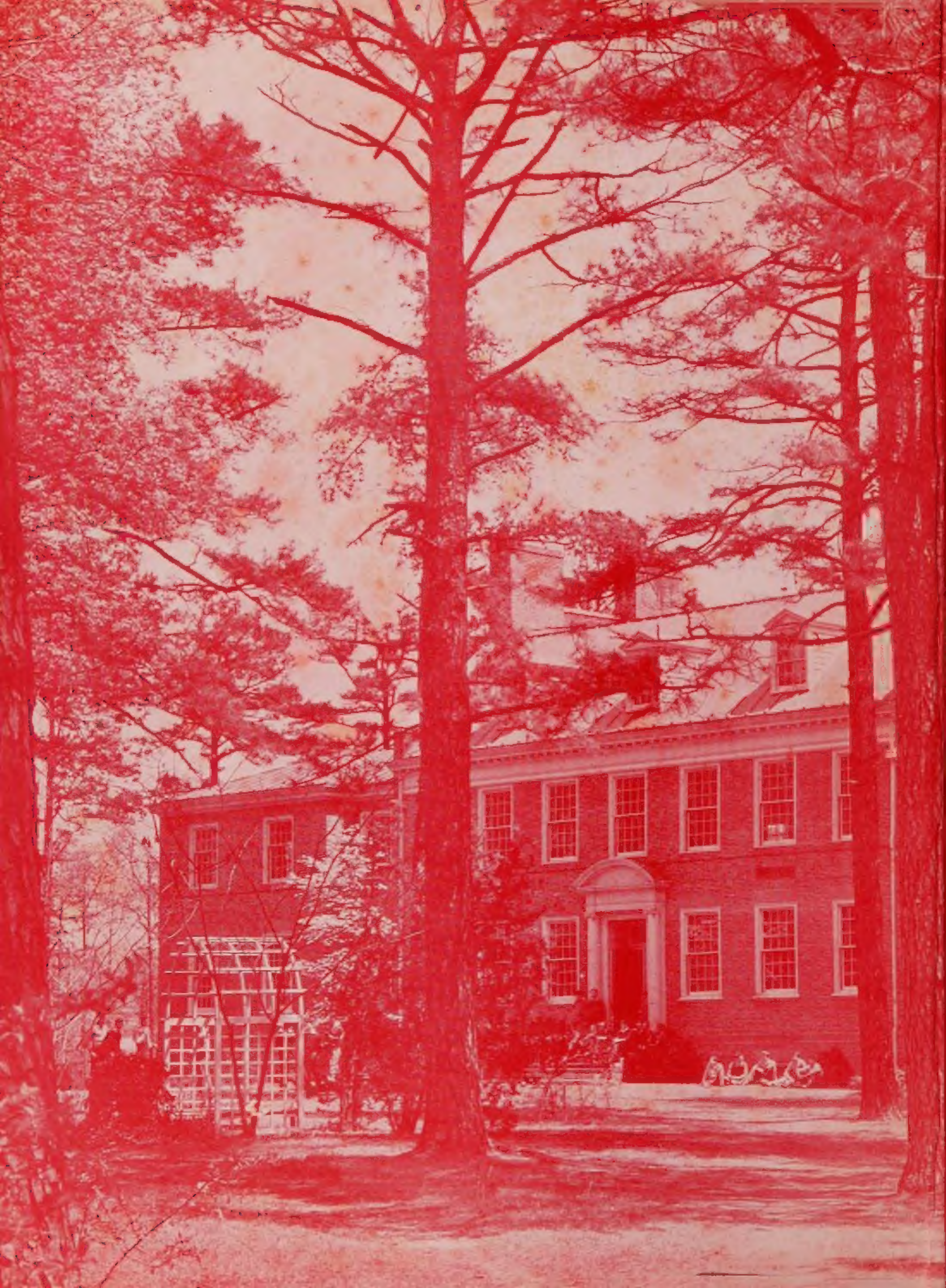


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Foreword

ANOTHER memorable year at St. Christopher's has passed, and with it the school continues to grow not only in size but also in prestige within the State and well beyond its bounds. Truly remarkable was the athletic record achieved by men clad in Red 'n' Gray during the past year, surpassing even that of the year before, which was 'til now the greatest in the school's history. Moreover, this year's Senior Class ranks near the top of the ledger when compared with previous graduating classes scholastically and intellectually. Of such extent, indeed have been the successes of this session that we can in no possible way hope to do justice to them between the covers of a book. What we offer is in condensed form, and we are forced to omit much of value. We trust, however, that what we do present we present accurately, and that the contents are extensive enough to stir the imagination of the reader and bring back to him in the future memories of a pleasant and glorious period spent amid the natural surroundings and friendly atmosphere of a great and wonderful school.



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Dedication



MR. JOHN R. BRINSER

His genial smile and zestful humor are things which keep a day at school from becoming routine and make long, hard sessions on the athletic field seem but brief and pleasurable events. His thorough knowledge of the text, his beautiful handwriting, and his easy-going method of procedure are a pride and a joy to the students under his instruction. What is even more important, his constant devotion to St. Christopher's and to the traditions set by its Founder serves as a worthy example for us all. Wherefore, for these and sundry other reasons, we are privileged to dedicate this volume to the kindly gentleman behind the cigar.



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I N R E C O G N I T I O N

Miss Jane Henderson, Headmistress of the Lower School, will always be remembered with love and respect by those of us who were fortunate enough to begin our primary education at St. Christopher's. For it was she from whom we first learned the importance of study, discipline, unselfishness, and confidence, both in our selves and our fellow students. By her intelligence, patience, and understanding, she accomplished the difficult task of teaching us the full meaning of school life and school work. It is with deep gratitude and sincere admiration, therefore, that we recognize the splendid work done by Miss Henderson in preparing "her boys" for the increasing responsibilities of swiftly passing time.

In Memoriam

Pro Deo, Foco, et Patria



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1944 • Calendar • 1945

- SEPTEMBER 7—Football squad reports, basking in reflected glory of the past season.
- SEPTEMBER 11—Bleary-eyed inmates straggle in for another year of book-worming and card playing.
- OCTOBER 21—Chapman comes out swathed in straps and bandages, and the spirit of "Slingin' Sam" lives on.
- OCTOBER 28—Saint "playboys" manhandle T. J. "toughies" to cop City title.
- NOVEMBER 11—St. C. 28, Woodberry 6. Hopes for another perfect season arise.
- NOVEMBER 18—St. C. 20, Petersburg 6. Last and biggest obstacle overcome. Perfect season assured.
- NOVEMBER 26—Country Club redecorates Junior Room after celebration staged by victorious Saints on previous evening.
- DECEMBER 2—Jenkins throws party for football team and in turn throws himself in jitterbugging exhibition.
- DECEMBER 23—Holidays in full swing — "not-so-angelic" Saints turn out for free chow, booze, and Dean Hudson at Debutante Party.
- JANUARY 3—Back to the grind — exams ahead. Seventh Form migrates to Blood Bank to relieve flooded eyeballs in order to see during review week.
- JANUARY 15—St. C. 26, T. J. 23 — jinx broken at last.
- JANUARY 22—Exams, re-exams, re-res — and on it goes!
- FEBRUARY 7—The Forest gets hot. Saints take precedence over Brooklyn College in local scandal sheets. Horsley undergoes probe.
- FEBRUARY 13—St. C. 33, T. J. 26. Saints hit comeback trail. Mr. Jacobs hits the rafters.
- FEBRUARY 24—St. C. 56, Woodberry 34 Sweet revenge! Horsley absolved of earlier charge. His only comment, "Asssss'tl"
- MARCH 15—"The Bishop Misbehaves" is big success. "Padre" right at home.
- MARCH 16—Spring vacation — construction of new bridge at West Point halted by bottles and butts washed up from Gloucester.
- MARCH 26—"Hope you all had a nice rest over the holidays," says Mr. Bugg, as hangovers *en masse* stagger into Solid class.
- APRIL 5—Last section of the annual finds its way to Whittet and Shep-person. Hopes arise for having it printed by the end of the war.
- APRIL 6—Report from doctors gives Ashworth and Priddy slight chance for recovery.
- MAY 15—Tennis team breaks record for number of hours spent INSIDE the Club.
- MAY 28—* # % & EXAMS!
- JUNE 7—Finals: Wine, Women and Whoopee. Boys celebrate — and compare schedules for summer school.
- JUNE 8—Commencement — Farewells from dotting teachers. Greetings from Uncle Sam!



WASHINGTON MONUMENT

Seniors

OSBOURNE ORLANDO ASHWORTH, JR.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

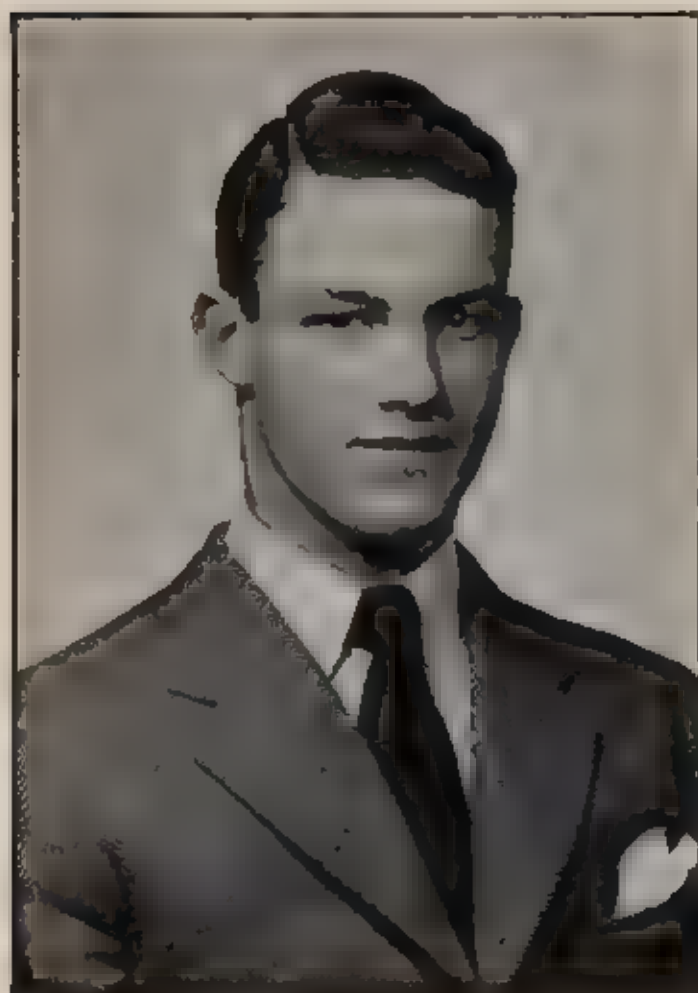
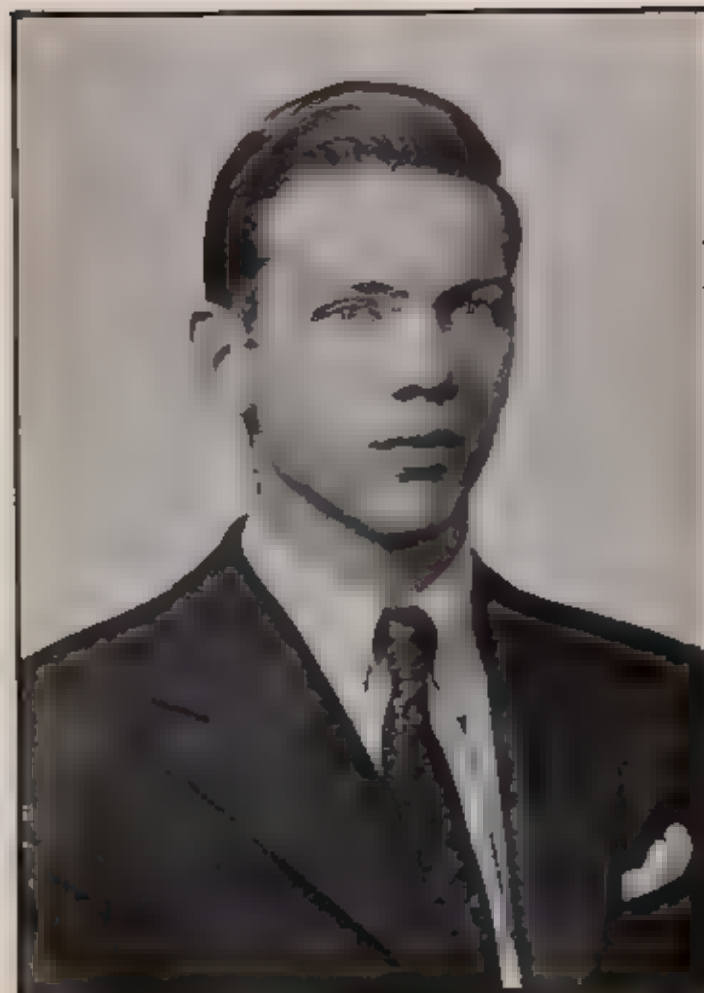
Eleven Years

Jackson Society; Missionary Society; Midget Football, '39; Bulldog Football, '40; Junior Football, '41; B Team Football, '42; Varsity Football, '43, '44; Midget Basketball, '41; Midget Basketball, '40, '41; Junior Baseball, '42; Tennis Team, '43, '44, '45; Dramatic Club, '40, '41, '43, '44, '45; Pine Needle Staff, '44, '45; Business Manager Pine Needle, '44; Raps and Taps Staff, '44, '45; Co-editor of Raps and Taps, '45; Director Missionary Society, '44; Monogram Club, '43, '44, '45; President Jackson Society, '45; Student Council, '43, '44, '45; Honor Committee, '44, '45.

Behold one of the truly outstanding members of the Senior Class. He must surely have a long memory who can recall the year when "Ash" was not a leader in some phase of school activity, and when he did not walk off with more than his share of the awards. Now, in his final year at old St. C., he holds as many positions of leadership as any boy in the school. One look at the above list of his achievements will demonstrate this fact. Chief among them is his membership on the Student Honor Committee, and certainly not the least is his position as co-editor of this illustrious publication.

On the athletic field, in the classroom, or elsewhere about the campus, "Sonny" seems to have a habit of excelling in whatever he does. Yet, he is blessed with a naturally keen brain and does not seem to have to exert himself unduly to accomplish all this. Indeed, he finds time to enter into every "bull session" and his caustic wit has brightened many a class.

It is without fear that we turn "Ash" loose. We are sure that whatever he does he will be a success, a true credit to the school, he is now leaving behind.



RALSTON LEWIS BROOKE

RICHMOND, VA.

SIX YEARS

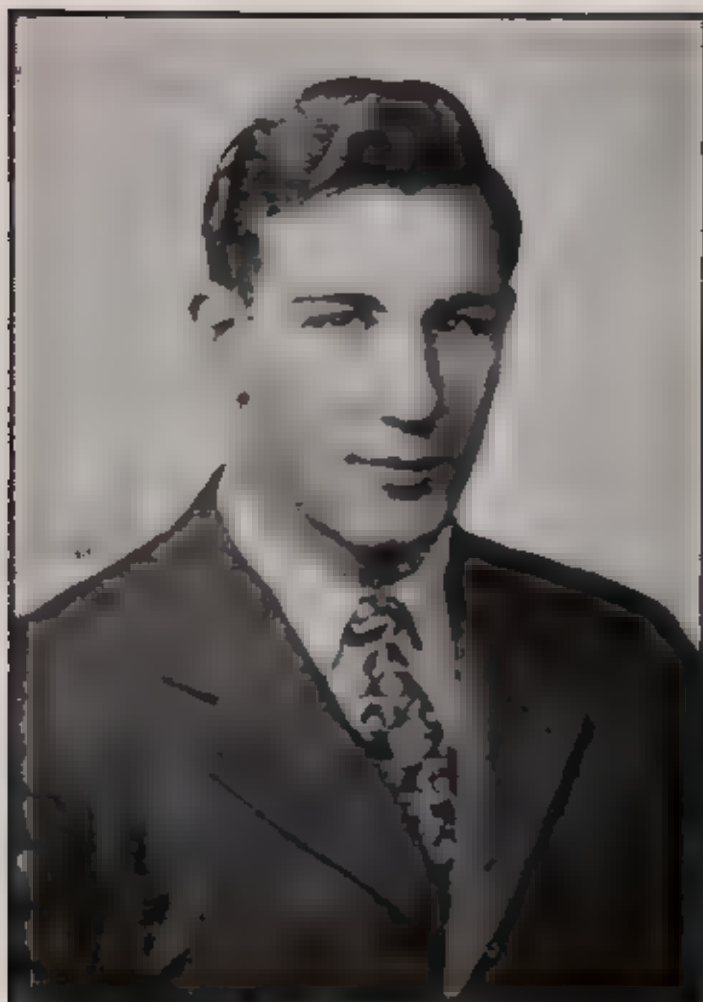
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Here is a scholar and a gentleman who is admired and respected by the entire student body and faculty of St. C. His fine sense of cooperation and his leadership ability, have won him many positions of honor and responsibility throughout his long career at the school. Included among these is a position on the Honor Committee, the highest honor to which a student of St. C. can aspire. And, incidentally, his work as business manager of this annual has been largely responsible for its publication.

Perhaps we cannot do justice to "Ralhe" in this short space. We can say, however, that it has been a privilege and a pleasure to have been associated with him. He is a conscientious worker, a loyal friend, and a true gentleman. In addition to this, need we say that "Padre's" fair countenance and smooth manners have captured the hearts of many a young lady?

It is with sincere regret that we see him go. We know, however, that our loss will be the gain of whatever community he attaches himself to. Our only fear as he departs for the Navy is that he will fall into the trap of some engaging female.

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LYNN PURCELL CHEWNING

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Three Years

Jackson Society, Missionary Society, Varsity Football, '42-'43
 44, Co-Captain Varsity Football, '43, '44, B-Team Basketball
 43-44, Varsity Baseball 43-44-45, Monogram Club, '42, '43-'44
 45, Treasurer Monogram Club 44, President Monogram Club '45

From a long line of illustrious Chewnings comes the most illustrious of them all, Lynn P. During his three year career at St. Christophers he has made a name for himself on the football field that will never be forgotten as one of the greatest backs ever to wear the Red and Gray. Lynn's praises are sung not only locally but throughout Virginia and the whole South. No one who has ever played with him, or against him, will deny that he is one of the most outstanding players they have ever seen. The best proof of his ability is the fact that he has been on All-City, All-State and All-Southern teams for the last two years.

On the gridiron and off Lynn is undoubtedly one of the most popular boys in school. If ever a worry darkened his countenance you can be sure few can remember the occasion. His care-free manner and constant good spirits have endeared him to the hearts of many. His enemies could probably be counted on the fingers of Verus De M... .

As Lynn leaves St. Christophers, he plans to follow in the footsteps of his brother at the Naval Academy. He has some really big shoes to fill, but we are confident that he can do it with ease.

AUBREY FORD, JR.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

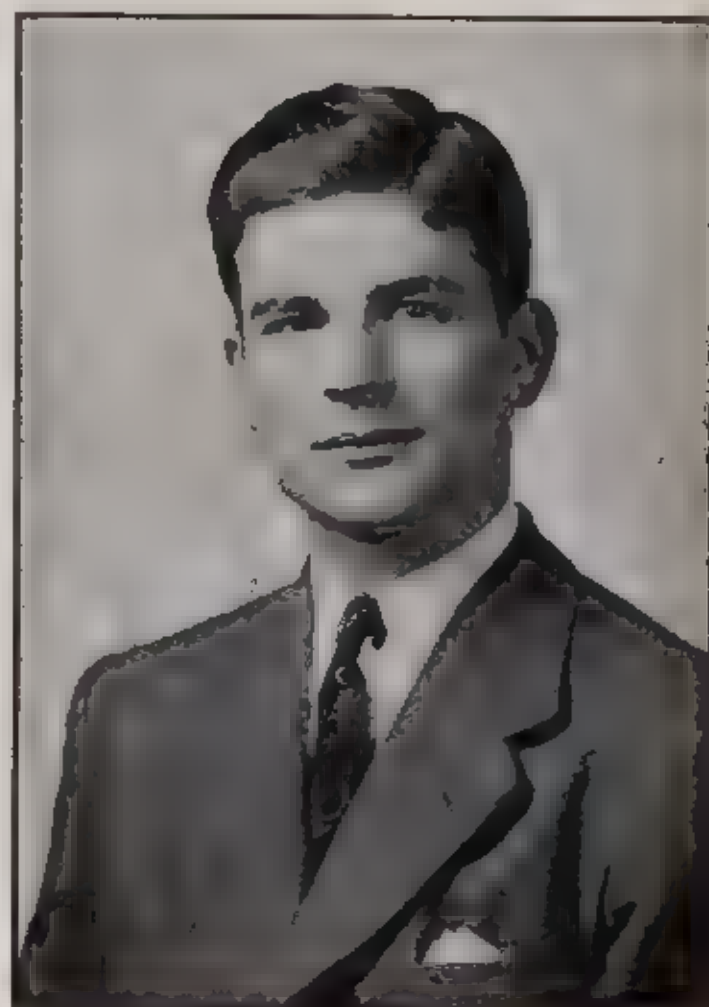
Six Years

Jackson Society, Missionary Society, Field Football 39, Midget Football 40, Building Football 41, Line Football 41, Varsity Football 40, Midget Basketball 40, Junior Basketball 41-42, Varsity Basketball 42-44-45, Co-Captain Varsity Basketball 44-45, Midget Baseball 40-41, B-Team Baseball 41, Team Tennis 43-44-45, Pine Crest Golf 43, Vice-President Jackson Society 45, Director Missionary Society 41-45, Monogram Club 43-44-45, Secretary Monogram Club 45, Student Council 44-45

Introducing to you one of the senior class most outstanding members Mr. Aubrey Ford Jr. First entered St. C in the sixth grade and immediately rose to a high position in his class. He has been a leader in every phase of school activities. One of the outstanding athletes of his class, a member of the Student Council, and one of the most popular boys in the school are among his many accomplishments.

In athletics, Aubrey was a standout in both football and basketball for the last two years. On the gridiron in his second year on the squad, he held down center winning both All-City and All-State recognition. However, it is on the basketball court that he really shines. He is playing his third year as a member of the first five and is serving his second year as co-captain. During this time, Fish has led the team to one City and two State championships.

Along with these numerous school activities, Aubrey seems to find plenty of time for the fairer sex, and reportedly is on his feet in the social register. Attracted by the blue uniforms, he plans to join the Navy after graduation. Lots of luck, Fish. We feel sure the success you gained at St. C will follow you as you go.



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WILLIAM FORREST HAWKINS

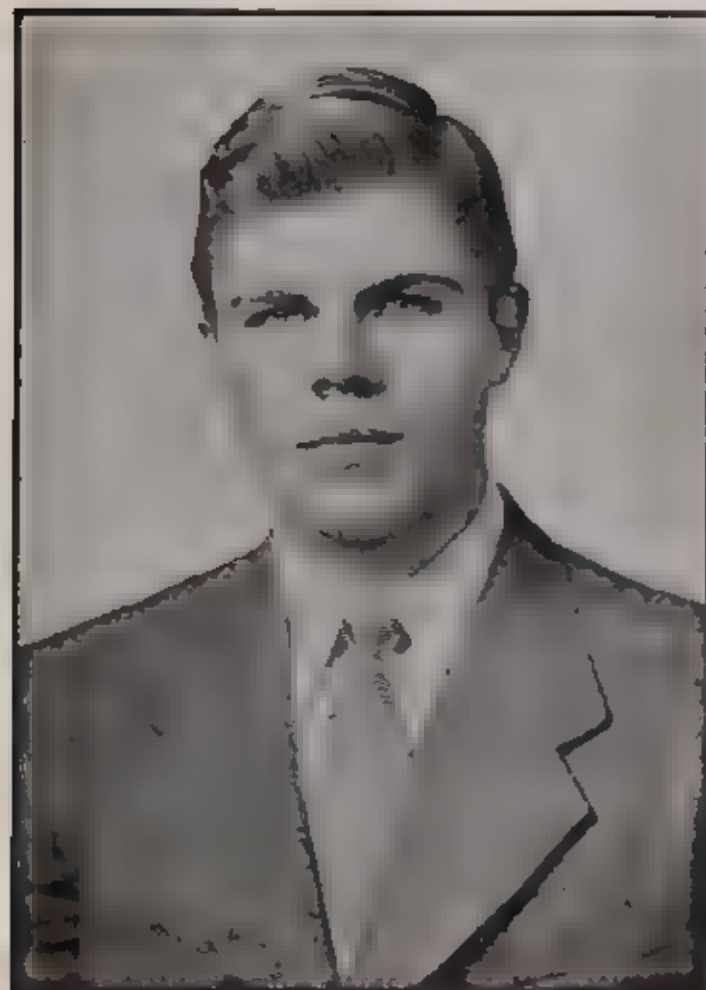
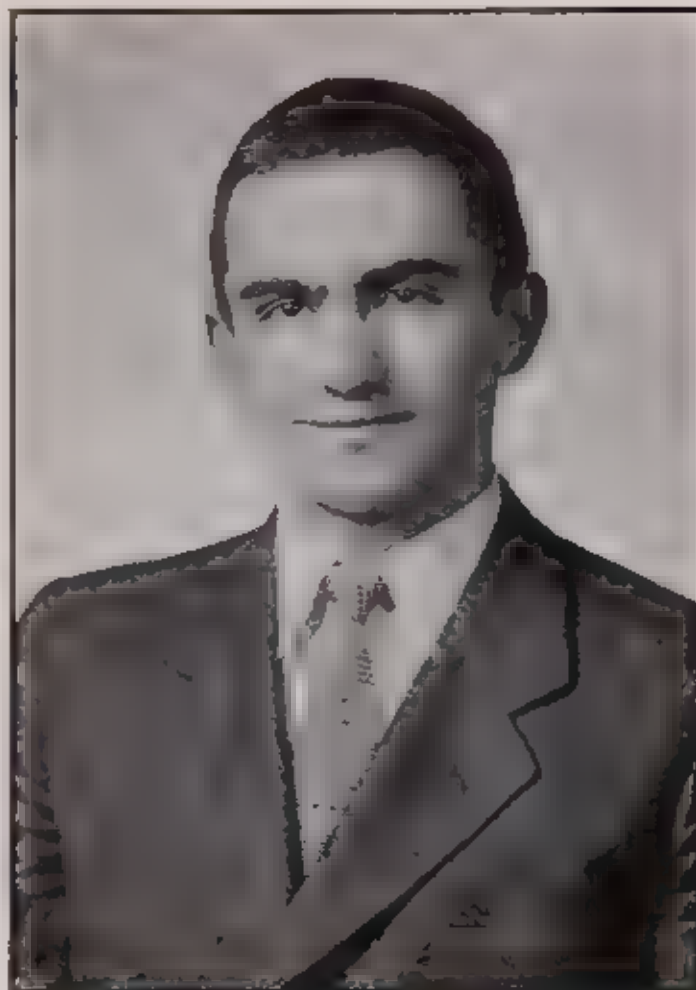
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Two Years

Lee Society; Missionary Society; Varsity Football, '43, '44, Varsity Basketball, '44, '45; Varsity Baseball, '44, '45; Captain Varsity Baseball, '45; Raps and Taps Staff, '45; Monogram Club, '43, '44, '45

We herewith present to you the one and only, the man with the handle-bar eyebrows, Bill Hawkins. In his two year stay with us he has made quite a name for himself, especially on the athletic field. "Crow" is one of the best athletes ever to play for St Christopher's. He did not receive much publicity until this year but Saint teams could not have won without him. As a blocking back in football, big Bill cleared the way for many scores. This year he was elected the most valuable player in the City, an honor that he richly deserves. On the basketball court, "Crow" has shown himself to be a demon on the backboards and the toss-ups. As a baseball player, he has no equal. He ranks with the greatest of Saint pitchers, and he is a great hitter, too. In recognition of his outstanding abilities, he was elected captain of this year's nine.

"Crow" does not shine only in the athletic field however. His lively wit and infectious grin have added life to many a dull class. His hard working persistent attitude has put him at the top in everything. Next year he intends to become a Midshipman in the Navy. We'll miss you, "Crow" and the Hawkins legend will not soon be forgotten.



JOHN SHELTON HORSLEY, III

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Five Years

Lee Society; Missionary Society, Bulldog Football, '40; Junior Football, '41; B-Team Football, '42; Varsity Football, '43, '44, '45; Junior Basketball, '41, '42; Varsity Basketball, '43, '44, '45; Captain Varsity Basketball, '45; Tennis Team, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45; Captain Tennis Team, '44, '45; Pine Needle Staff, '44, '45; Raps and Taps Staff, '44; Secretary Lee Society, '43; President Lee Society, '45; Director Missionary Society, '44, '45; Vice President Missionary Society, '45; Monogram Club, '43, '44, '45; Vice-President Monogram Club, '45; Student Council, '44, '45; Honor Committee, '44, '45

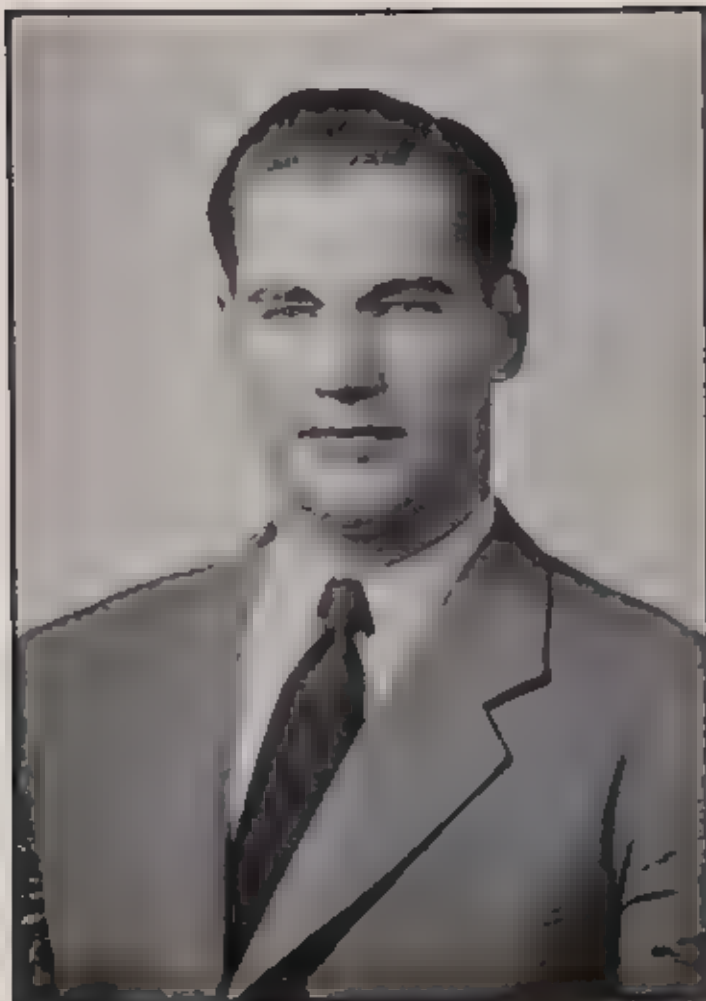
Who is this bright-looking, blond, handsome lad? Why, none other than Shelton Horsley, Chairman of the Honor Committee, President of the Lee Society, crack athlete, a man with a good scholastic average, and, in general, one of the best all around boys in school.

"Horse" came to us five short years ago, and immediately impressed everybody with his everpresent grin and perpetual wisecracks. Undoubtedly, he is the king of every "bull session" and the life of any gathering whatsoever. This year "Shell" was appointed Chairman of the Honor Committee, probably the most coveted position in St Christopher's. Rather than rest on his laurels, however, he has sought more worlds to conquer, accumulating a large number of honors in football, basketball, and tennis.

As a charter member of the infamous "setback club," he has already established a reputation as a shark.

So long, "Horse". Mr. Isbell will miss you next year when he tries to get someone to take Virgil.

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JONATHAN ROBERT JENKINS
FROSTBURG, MARYLAND

Three Years

Lee Society; Missionary Society; B-Team Football, '42; Varsity Football, '43, '44; Co-Captain Varsity Football, '44; B-Team Basketball, '42, '43; Varsity Baseball, '42, '43, '44; Monogram Club, '43, '44, '45; Student Council, '44, '45

Jonathan Jenkins came to St. Christopher's three years ago, hailing from Frostburg, Maryland. During his stay, he has literally captured the school by storm. 'Jonnie' is one of the greatest football players ever to don the red and gray. Witness his All-City and All-State positions for the past two years, and his selection as the most valuable lineman in the city during both of these years. As a fitting tribute to his greatness, he was elected co-captain of the 1944 eleven. In the spring, he turns to baseball, where he capably handles right field.

Aside from his athletic prowess, 'Jenks' has been a leader in every other phase of school life. His membership on the Student Council is among his many honors. However, to think that he is always serious is a great mistake. 'Jonnie' is one of the most fun-loving boys in the senior class and is recognized among the biggest 'bullers' in the group. No school scene would be complete without his telling some story about Frostburg to all who will listen. Next year, he plans to carry his yarns and pranks to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, where he can be expected to carry on his career to even greater success.

WILLIAM WATKINS MARTIN, JR.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Five Years

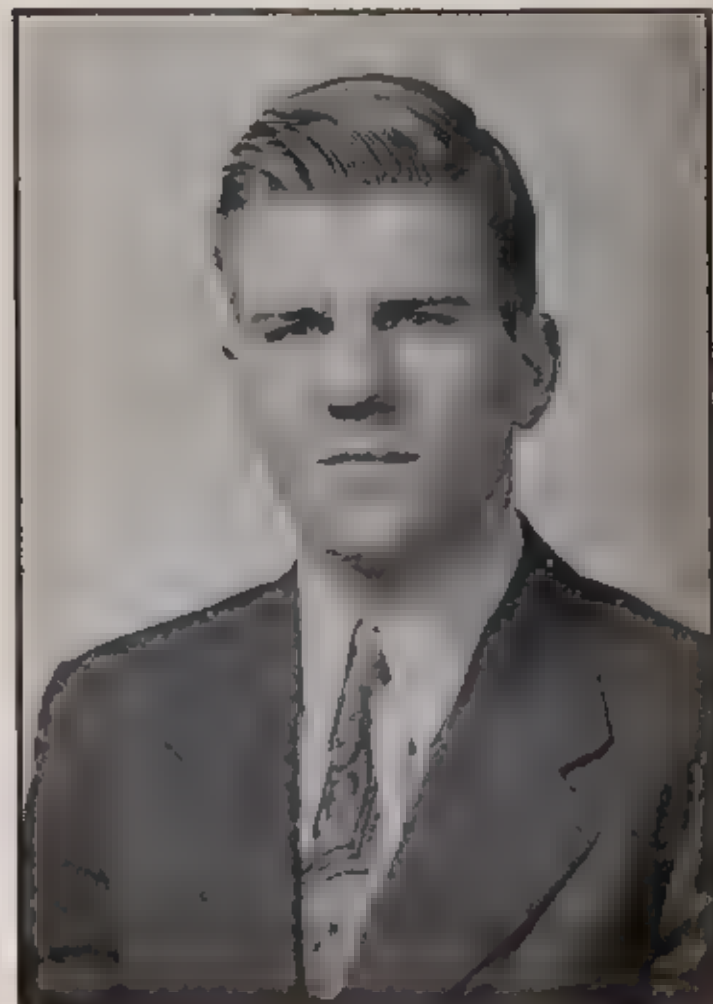
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At the beginning of the school term five years ago, the members of this year's senior class, then the Second Form, wondered who the new boy with the blond, unruly hair was. They subsequently learned his name was W. W. Martin and realized, after a few months association, that he would become one of the leaders of the class.

Billy has indeed fulfilled these expectations, for, by his own efforts, he has risen to a high position in school life. In the classroom he ranks among the smartest in the form, and he has the talent to make any course entertaining by his sarcastic remarks and argumentative nature. Elsewhere about the campus too, Billy has proved himself outstanding. In his position as Co-Editor of the Pine Needle, he was responsible for the many interesting and informative issues this year. By his hard work and literary ability, he has set a high standard of excellence that next year's staff will find it hard to equal.

Although handicapped by his lack of weight, Billy participated in both football and basketball, and his determination was rewarded by a position on the Varsity squad in the latter sport.

Keen, resourceful, and original, persistent down to the bone, Billy should be a sure success in whatever vocation he may choose to occupy.



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ROBERT HUTCHESON MAUCK

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Seven Years

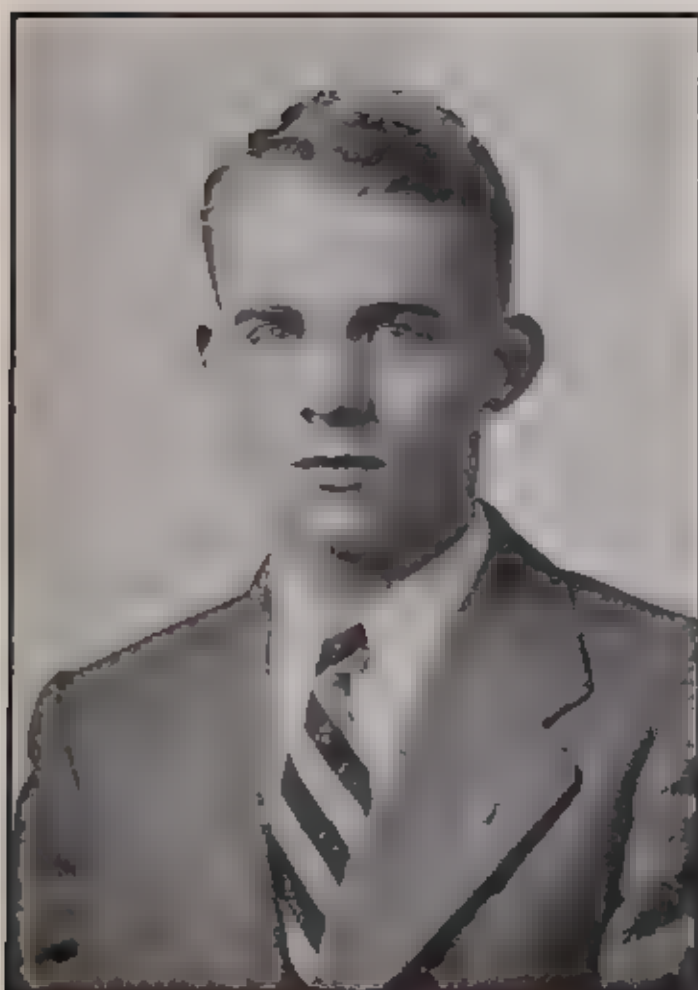
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Now we have the beaming countenance of none other than Robert Hutcheson Mauck. Bob has been a student at St. Christopher's for seven long years. In this time, his roaring laugh, ready wit, and unselfishness, have won him many friends. Not only popular with the boys, he has quite a following among the fairer sex. 'Tis said that he has caused many a feminine heart to skip a beat.

As an athlete, Bob came right up through the ranks. A candidate for varsity football, he received a bad knee injury which forced him to the sidelines. However, as a member of the powerful Saint basketball team, Bob proved his real athletic prowess. Also, he has been a member of the tennis team for the past three years. Likewise, as co-editor of the Pine Needle he has turned in a fine job.

Bob has made quite a name for himself at St. Christopher's. A membership on the Student Council is just one of his many honors. His ability to make friends and take things with a smile, have won him the admiration of all, from the lower through the upper forms. With his departure, the school loses an all-round swell fellow.



HILL MONTAGUE, III

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Five Years

Lee Society, Missionary Society, Junior Football, '41-'42, Bulldog Football, '43; Varsity Football, '44; Junior Basketball, '42-'43; B-Team Basketball, '44; Track, '43-'44; Editor of Missionary Society, '44; Pine Needle Staff, '44-'45; Raps and Taps Staff, '44; Monogram Club, '44-'45; Student Council, '44-'45.

Here we have Hill Montague, by far the smartest boy in the senior class. People often think that smart people are bookworms and very dull to talk to. This is not the case with Hill, who spends as much time on extra-curricular activities as he does in studying for those daily hundreds. He is literary editor of both the Pine Needle and Raps and Taps. In this capacity, he has done an excellent job in getting everything written on time. Hill's brain does not cease working when he puts away his school books. You can always find him trying to solve some daily problem with logarithms or physics formulas.

Hill's modest, unobtrusive manner never impresses one as belonging to a literal "brain", and it has won him friends throughout the school. He is held in such high regard by the other boys that he was elected to the Student Council this year, a position he well deserves.

Hill is also a hard worker on the athletic field. He won his Varsity monogram this year for his hard work on the football squad. He is also a member of the infamous B-Team "butcher ballers" in basketball and one of the track regulars. The school will seem empty without Hill around, but he is a man St. Christopher's can be proud of, no matter what he undertakes.

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JAMES THOMAS PRIDDY, JR.
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Ten Years

Jackson Society; Missionary Society; Pine Needle Staff, '43, '44, '45; Raps and Taps Staff, '44, '45; Co-Editor-in-Chief Raps and Taps, '45; Director Missionary Society, '44; Dramatic Club, '44, '45; Vice-President Dramatic Club, '45

Here is a boy who has gone through the Lower, Middle and Upper Schools achieving fame and glory all along the way. A veteran Saint from 'way back, he knew the Tiber when it was but a puddle, and Chamberlayne Hall when it was just a dream.

Tom excels in the classroom. For the past eleven years he has been among the leaders of his class scholastically. This year still another honor fell to him, when he was chosen the best reader in school. Don't get the wrong idea, however, for he is anything but a bookworm. "Young Tom" is always ready to do his share of work, and usually more. His efforts as an active member of the St. Kit's Players for several years were rewarded by his election as Vice-President of the Dramatic Club this past year. His acting contributed largely to the outstanding success of the plays. He is on the Pine Needle staff. As co-editor of Raps and Taps, he has done a truly splendid job. The result of his workmanship may be seen as you turn these pages.

When Tom graduates, St. C. will lose a fine boy, liked and respected by all. With the same spirit he has carried through school success is assured him wherever he may go and whatever he may do.

ROBERT WADE SPEIR, III
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

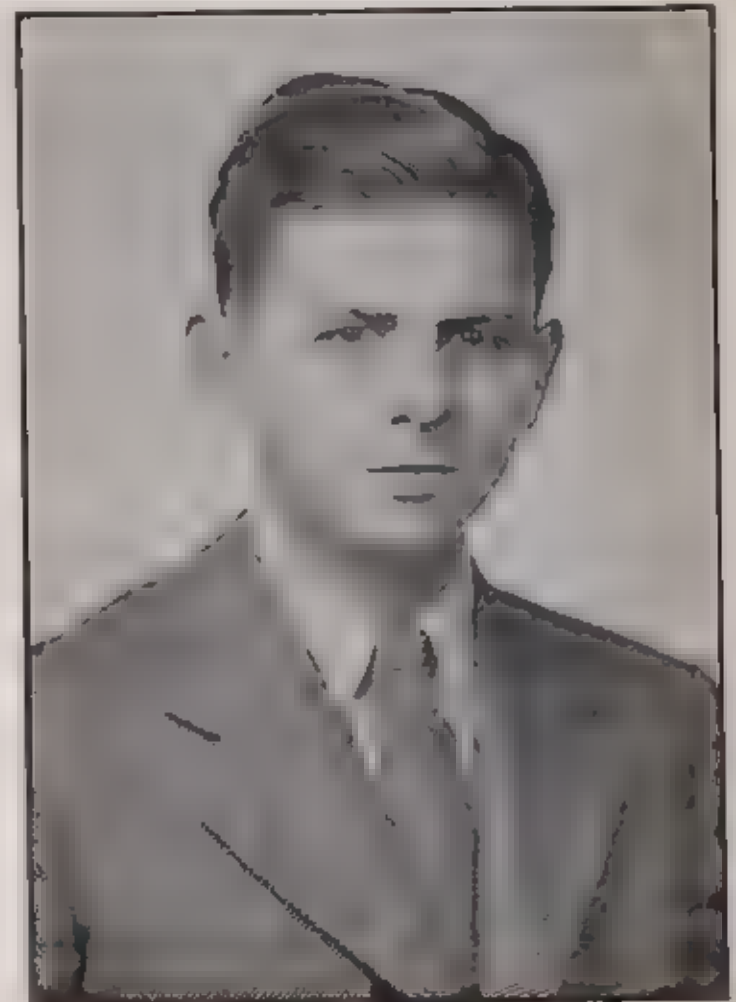
Three Years

Jackson Society; Missionary Society, B Team Football, '44, Dramatic Club, '44, '45

When this lad entered the halls of old St. C three years ago, no one realized at the time that he would turn out to be one of the foremost geniuses of the senior class. Ask him any question concerning literary matters or current affairs, and he will give you not only a good answer but a lot more besides. When you once get him wound up, you can be sure of an interesting conversation, for he always seems to know what he is talking about.

Where does Speir spend half his time? In the library, of course. In fact, the library would not be the same place without him. His remarkable ability for getting library excuses is a source of amazement to more than one.

And incidentally, have you ever read any of his poetry? Speir is indeed one of those rare people who can write verse. It would not surprise us some day to find his name on the title page of some great book, for he has a decided literary bent. As he leaves us now, whether this be his calling or not, we wish him the best of luck, and we will remember him always as a person who is hard to forget.



Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini

GARLAND STONEMAN SYDNOR, JR.

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Five Years

Lee Society; Missionary Society, Midget Football, '40; J.V. Football, '41; B-Team Football, '42, '43, Varsity Football, '44; Midget Basketball, '41, '42; Junior Basketball, '43; B-Team Basketball, '44; Midget Baseball, '41; Tennis Team, '43, '44, '45; Pine Needle Staff, '44, '45, Raps and Taps Staff, '45; Monogram Club, '44, '45

Before us we have Garland Stoneman Sydnor, Jr., athlete, scholar and lover. "Skippy" entered these hallowed portals in the Third Form and has been one of the outstanding members of his class ever since. Any one who enters the Country Club will find him playing cards slouched over one of the tables.

However, "Skip" took time out from his favorite pastime long enough to play tackle for St. C. this fall, showing up well in the Woodberry and T.J. games. In the spring, "Syd" heads for the tennis courts, where he wields his mighty racquet to the advantage of the tennis team.

In his studies, "Skippy" ranks well above average, despite his easy-going manner. His best subject is math, where he often approaches the heights of genius. He also takes an important part in other activities, having obtained membership in the Monogram Club. It is said that in the spring a young man's fancy turns to love. This does not apply to "Skip". His thoughts turned to love in the sixth grade and have never been averted from the fairer sex. His future is uncertain, of course, but we feel sure that whether he enters M. I. T. or the armed forces, "Skippy" will find that his winning personality will make a place for him.



EDMUND MYERS TALLEY

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Twelve Years

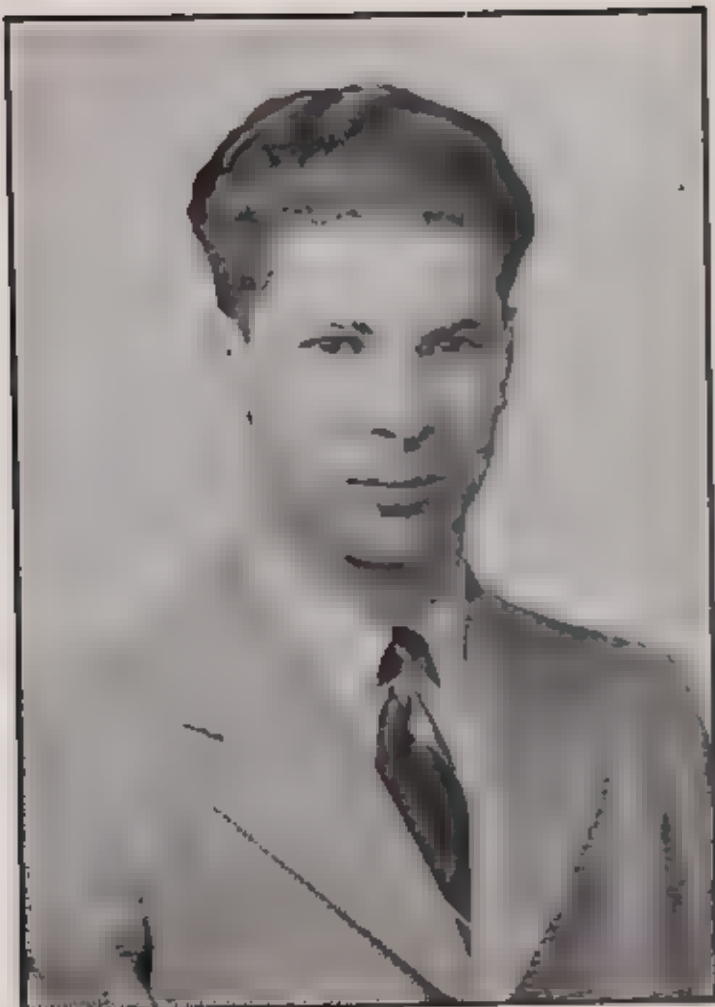
Jackson Society; Missionary Society, Flea Football, '38, Midget Football, '39; Junior Football, '42, Manager Varsity Football, '44, Midget Basketball, '39, '40, '41, '42; Junior Basketball, '43; B-Team Basketball, '44, Midget Baseball, '39, '40, '41; Track, '42, Pine Needle Staff, '45, Monogram Club, '44, '45

Here we have the patriarch of the graduating class, the lone senior who has worked the whole way up the school ladder without missing a rung. So long has it been since Eddie first came in late to morning assembly that some say he once conversed with St. Christopher, and still others insist that he helped Mr. Watt lay the corner stone for the original dormitory.

In his lengthy career at Saintland, Eddie has made himself felt appreciably in every phase of school activity. He has done work for both publications, and he was a conscientious and efficient manager for the football team last fall. Moreover, despite his slight build, he has participated in both basketball and track for several years. In the classroom, too, Eddie is a prominent figure. An amiable, carefree fellow, he has been the perpetrator of many a gag and prank which have lightened the strain of study. His grades do not suffer, however, for he averages well over the passing mark.

Unlike most of his comrades, "Tonto" has turned down the femmes of St. Catherine's for the pulchritude of Collegiate. He has accumulated quite a following there, particularly among those residing on West Avenue, but we dare say that even their loss will be less than ours when he matriculates to the U. Va. next summer.

Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini



JAY VAN CLEEFF
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

Four Years

Lee Society; Missionary Society; Bull Dog Football, '41; Junior Football, '42, B-Team Football, '43; Manager Varsity Football '44; Junior Basketball, '42; Junior Baseball, '42; Pine Needle Staff, '44, '45; Raps and Taps Staff, '45; Dramatic Club, '44, '45, Monogram Club, '44, '45.

"Van" began his career at St. Christopher's in the fall of 1941. During his short stay, he has become a true Saint. He stands high in his classes, and is well liked by every one.

A hard worker, "Van" has been one of the most active members of the staffs of the Pine Needle and Raps and Taps. As sports editor for both publications he has turned in a fine job. His graphic accounts of football, basketball, and baseball games have been greatly enjoyed. He has become one of St. Christopher's most ardent rooters. Although he has never played on a varsity squad, "Van" has, nevertheless given his whole-hearted support to all activities at the school. Never do you fail to see him at a Varsity game, for the school's interests are his interests. This past year he was manager of the Varsity football team, and he really did a fine job taking care of both the team and the equipment. His is the true school spirit.

The conscientious efforts of this member of our Senior Class have already been rewarded. "Van" has received an appointment to West Point, a truly great distinction. We know he will do well, and all of us wish him the best of luck.

We feel that it is only fitting to mention here the following boys who would have been at St. Christopher's to graduate with us if they had not felt it necessary to serve their country.



RALPH BINSWANGER

JAY CHEEK

NELSON NOLAND

FRED ROBERTSON

BARRYE WALL

Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini

25 Years Hence . . .

"Ash" hangs out doctor's shingle and collects first fee in merchandise from President of ABC Board.

"Bishop" Brooke is demoted to "Padre" after squandering church funds on choir straight from Billy Rose's "Diamond Horseshoe".

Lynn and Shirley succeed Dagwood and Blondie as nation's number one comic couple. Fifty dollars offered for best suggestion in naming thirteenth child.

"Aub" finally is successful in climbing "Mt. Pitt" by using his famous Yogi technique.

"Crow" is acclaimed America's top athlete for prowess in football, basketball, baseball, Japanese wrestling, and pool.

"Golden Boy" Horsley defaults in finals of National Tennis Championship after losing rackets in pre-match poker game.

"Jolting Jonnie" will have accumulated a small fortune beating coal lumps into diamonds with his bare fists.

Billy founds new newspaper in Richmond and breaks record by getting first issue out only three weeks late.



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"Goatmouth" Mauck will be doing singing commercials on the Pepso-dent show.

After laborious calculation in which he used three million sheets of paper Hill proves an angle can be trisected.

"Young Tom" amazes decrepit law professors at U. Va. with his capacity — for learning (?).

Students read Speir instead of Wordsworth in Seventh English course. Mr. Bailey brings own uncensored copy to class.

"Skip" Sydnor posts an ad in Richmond Times-Dispatch for seeing eye dog adept at tennis and card playing.

"Tonto" moves to West Avenue and sets up rival establishment to the "Hub".

"Vulture" van Cleeff, just out of West Point, becomes five star general after crap game with Douglas MacArthur.



FIRST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT Speer, R. W.; Sydnor, G. S. Jr.; Toler, H. R.; Blake, R. L.; Griffin, K. B. Jr.; Lombard, C. A.; Monague, H. III. SECOND ROW Tuley, F. M.; Hawkins, A. F.; Johnson, J. P.; Jenkins, J. R.; Van Fleet, J.; Horsley, J. S. III. HATCHESON, E. M. THIRD ROW Priddy, J. T. Jr.; Ashworth, O. C. Jr.; Ford, H. A. Jr.; Martin, W. W. Jr.; Muck, R. H.

The Seventh Form

HERE stand the members of the Seventh Form, the graduating class of 1945. It started out as a small class early in the Lower School. The size greatly increased as it passed from the Lower to the Middle School, and it was the largest class in St. Christopher's during succeeding years. However, the ranks have been thinned by the departure of many who have left to accomplish a much greater task. Very few of the original group are left, but they have been supplemented by a fine aggregation of boys, and together they have made this class one of the most outstanding in recent years.

The scholastic record of these seniors has always been above average. Most of them are gifted with unusual ability in the varied fields of reading, public speaking, and journalism, besides in their regular studies, as their grades will testify. These boys have excelled in athletics also, for the class has been very well represented on each of the championship teams in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis.

Individually, too, the members of the senior class are outstanding. Besides being scholars and athletes, they are gentlemen in the finest traditions of St. Christopher's. All of this, however, sounds very scholarly and quiet, but let it be noted here that this does not apply outside the classrooms, for this class is full of "card sharks", "weed fiends", "lovers", and general "hell raisers."

Composed, as it is, of such a capable group of boys, this year's Seventh Form can truly be said to be one of the finest ever to graduate from St. C.



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FIRST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) Evans I M Anderson R C Monrman W W T F Mors E Goch C
 SECOND ROW Huet P Lybick V Hewley F Goudin T Fox R St Clare R L Wilson
 W Barten I THIRD ROW Danson B Patten J Fyfe I Tyson W A B Chapman J
 Rye W Girdle M Lacey J FOURTH ROW Bryant J Mauck B S Micho L Linn R
 Hart H W G Lewis M Tread H

The Sixth Form

In the picture above, we see the members of the Sixth Form, the boys upon whom the responsibilities of seniors will rest next year. Let us assure you now that this class will be tully capable of upholding the high standards of the Seventh Form, for their abilities are numerous and varied.

Many of these boys wear their hard earned monograms, and many others, who have not worn theirs yet, have worked very hard and shown up worthily in the various athletic programs. In the classroom, too, this form has a high scholastic record even though their thoughts, if made public, would resemble the words of a popular love song, and their schemes for increasing the grey hairs of the Faculty members sound like something devised by Frankenstein. Most of these boys are on the staffs of either the RAPS AND TAPS or THE PINE NEEDLE in the literary, business and photographic departments. Several have shown extraordinary aptitude for editorial work, and these will hold important positions on the school publications next year. Moreover, some of them have already attained the highest honor in the school, membership on the Student Council and the Honor Committee.

From this class will come next year's leaders, boys who will work to keep up the honor and traditions of St. Christopher's. They have the ability and determination to succeed in this, and we know we are leaving the leadership of the school in good hands.

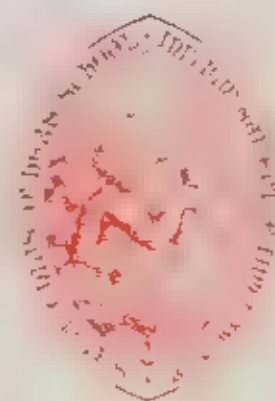


FIRST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) Wellard A, Wade I, Mearns A, Svermaker T, Marlowe W, Hall E. SECOND ROW Davanger P, B, Cardozo C, Blaine J, Deshpande A, Farmer P, Broadbent R, Chubb B, Becker H, Hill G. THIRD ROW Mather P, Arkles A, Barker T, Walker W, Smith J, Mearns W, Widen G, T. Lees, W.

The Fifth Form

PICTURED above is probably the most varied class in St. Christopher's. It is composed of everything from Casanovas to the intelligentsia of the Upper School. Whereas several of the boys are capable athletes and have made strong bids for varsity monograms, the majority are more at home in the field of scholastic endeavor. More than a few of them have shown traces of brilliance in the classroom, and the form as a whole maintains an enviable average. Still others of this group find it more intriguing to occupy themselves in the realm of gay amour, scattering swooning female hearts hither and thither with their artistic technique. From the success they have achieved along this line, many might do well to make it their life's vocation.

A versatile and competent bunch, to say the least, this year's Fifth Form appears to have much to contribute to Saint tradition, as it prepares itself for the role of leaders of the school.



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THE FOURTH FORM

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THE THIRD FORM

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 Second Row: I. S. D. G. H. L. E. R. J. H.
 Row W. A. T. R. P. W. Joseph R. M. E. I.
 Misses: W. H. M. P. I. W. K. A. R. O. H.
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Who's Who



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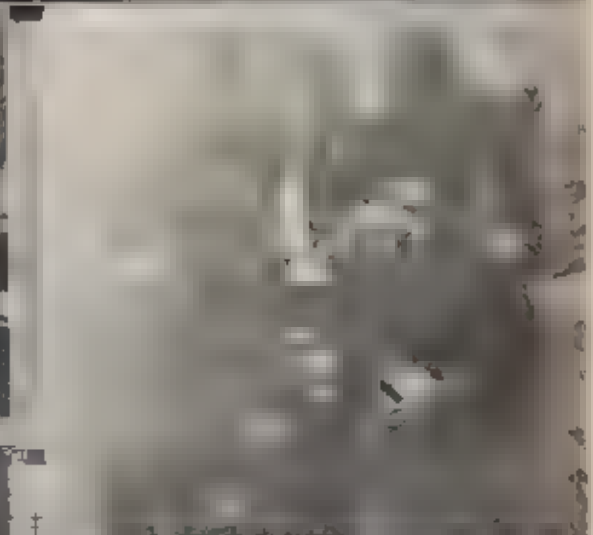
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Handsomest	Ford	Most Drag	Jenkins
Thinks He Is	Horsley	Most In Need Of Shave	Jenkins
Best Athlete	Hawkins	Most In Love	Chewning
Thinks He Is	Jenkins	Thinks He Is	Horsley
Smartest	Montague	Biggest Buller	Wright, G.
Most Ambitious	Brooke, R. L.	Best Singer	Jenkins
Most Likely To Succeed	Brooke, R. L.	Thinks He Is	Jenkins
Thinks He Is	Brooke, R. L.	Best Dressed	Ashworth
Most Savoir Faire	Horsley	Wittiest	Dameron
Laziest	Holloway	Thinks He Is	Wall, W.
Makes Most Boners	McCauley	Most Confident	Horsley
First To Marry	Chewning	Most Carefree	Cardoza

FACULTY

Best Teacher	Mr. Bugg	Most Intelligent	Mr. Isbell
Most Popular	Mr. Jacobs	Best Singer	Mr. Bailey
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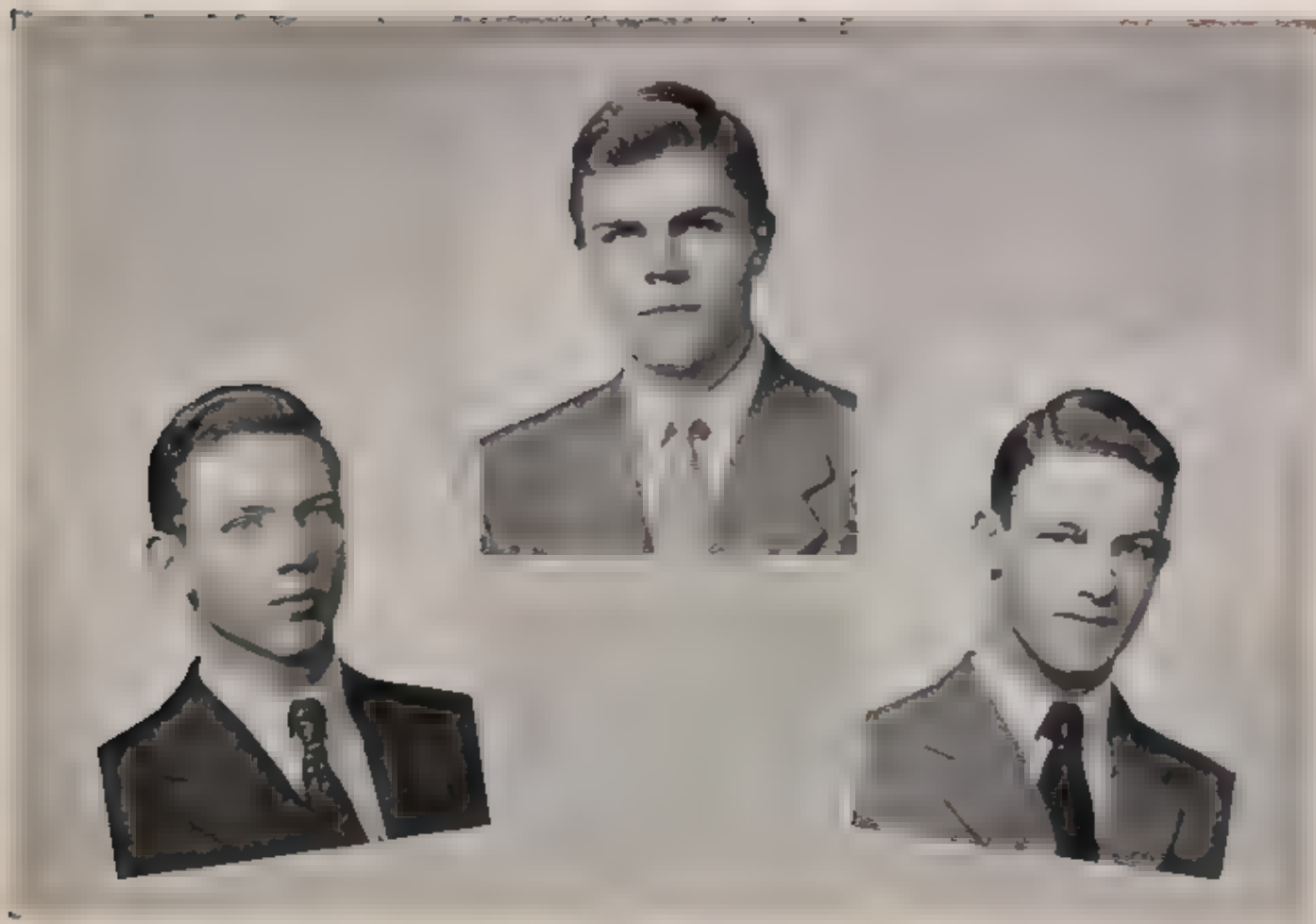


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The Honor Committee

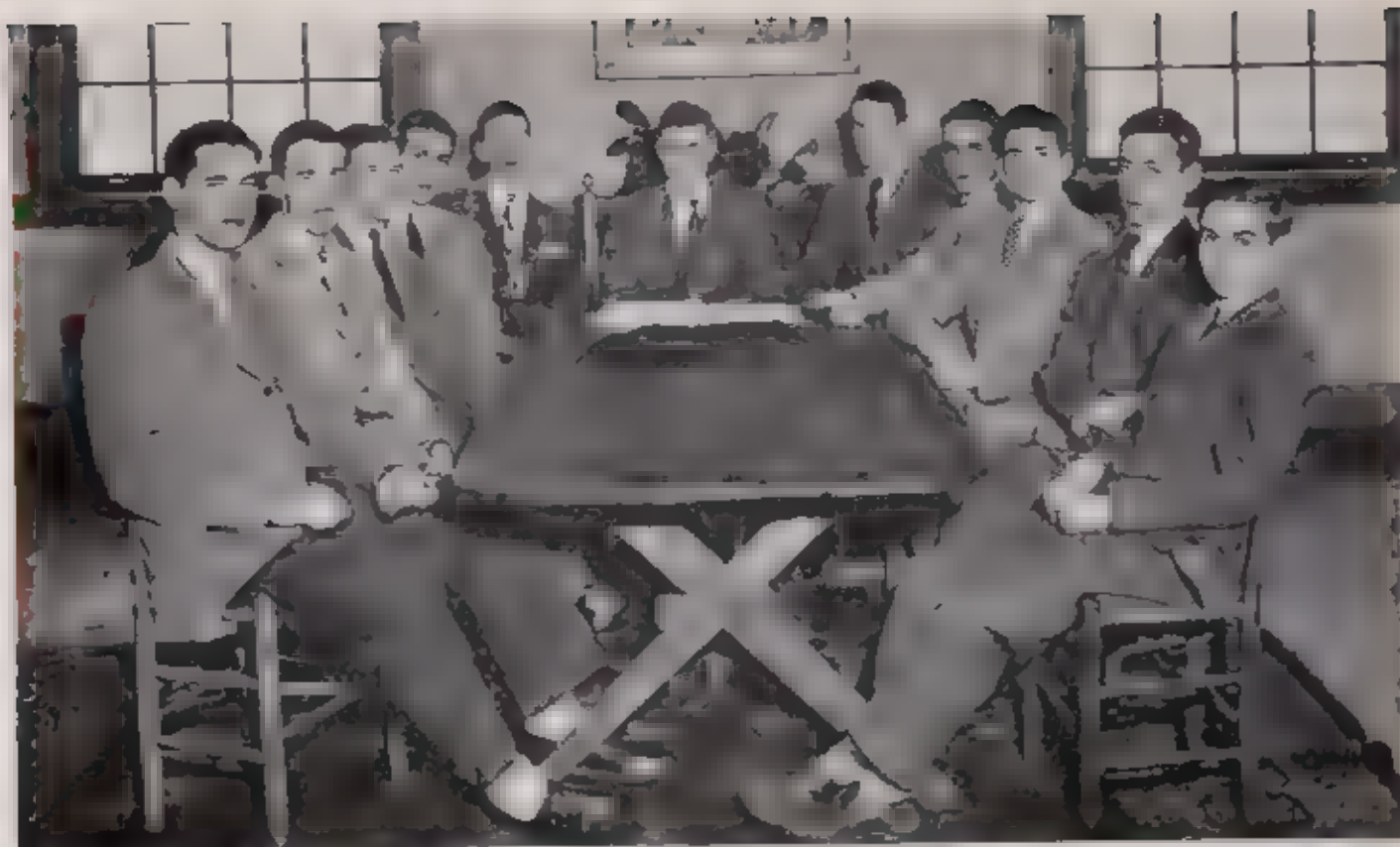
THE highest honor a student at St. Christopher's can receive is to be appointed a member of the Honor Committee, for the Honor Committee embodies the most sacred principles of the school. Honor, indeed, is the foundation of gentlemanly conduct. For this reason, we can be justly proud, and thankful too, for the Honor System at St. Christopher's and the privilege we have had of living under it.

The Honor Committee is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the Honor System. It is their duty, of course, to investigate cases involving the breach of Honor System. This is, however, by no means the most important of their duties. Perhaps the greatest tribute that can be paid to them is to say that no serious cases have come before them this year. This is due, not to any negligence of duty on their part, but rather to the high standards of honor they have set by their own conduct and influence.

As these honors and responsibilities are passed on to others, we can only hope that they will live up to them as well as those who have gone before. For, indeed, only so long as the Honor System lasts will the school itself continue to maintain its time-honored traditions.



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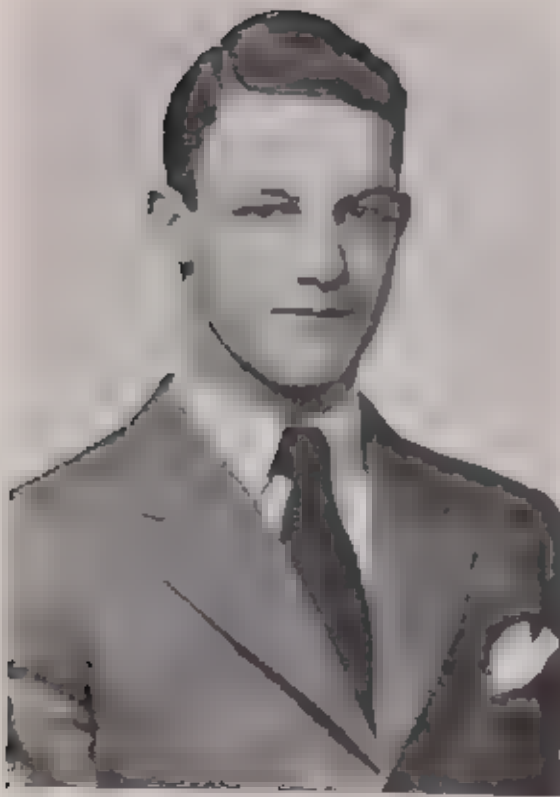
LEFT TO RIGHT. J. R. Jenkins; D. G. Chapman; W. B. Wall; R. H. Mauck; O. O. Ashworth; J. S. Horsley;
R. L. Brooke; H. Montague; H. A. Hart; T. F. Witt

The Student Council

SINCE its institution last year by Mr. Williams, the constructive influence of the Student Council has continued to grow and become more noticeable in the spirit of the student body. Through its efforts, higher standards of integrity and the necessary requirements of a gentleman are being implanted in the minds of all the boys.

This year the Student Council has taken a much greater interest in student affairs and played a more active part in school life. It has carried out to the best of its ability the duties assigned by the Headmaster, and, furthermore, it has exercised its privileges with discretion. All of the members have important positions in every phase of school activity and, for this reason, are admired and respected by every boy. Their paramount desire has been to instill into all the students those fundamental ideals of honor, courtesy, loyalty, and sportsmanship that so long have characterized the graduates of St. Christopher's. Another important aim of the Council has been that of striving to uphold the high standards of gentlemanly conduct in the classroom, on the athletic field, and outside the limits of the school, which have always been a major part of the traditions established by Dr. Chamberlayne.

The greatest praise bestowed upon the members of the Student Council is that they have succeeded admirably in accomplishing this purpose.



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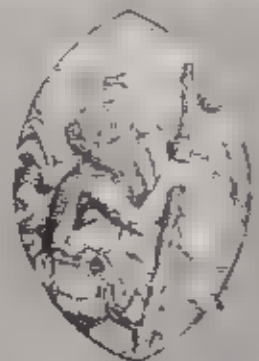
The Missionary Society

ST CHRISTOPHER'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY was created by Dr Chamberlayne on Good Friday April 18 1924 Since that time its express purpose has been to promote the good of others not so fortunately placed as the members of this student body. In the accomplishment of this ideal it has succeeded admirably and it has continually been a source of great pride to the boys in the School.

This year a new system was adopted by the Missionary Society. Instead of having each boy pay a specified amount of dues at the end of the year, a speaker was brought to the school once a month, and, on the following day a collection was taken up in morning assembly in behalf of the cause for which he spoke. Each boy was asked to give only what he saw fit, and no one was required to give anything. Happily, the entire school, teachers and pupils alike contributed abundantly to every cause, and the total funds accumulated by the Society mounted well over two hundred dollars at the year's end. All are to be congratulated for their generous part in the effort, especially President Brooke and Mr Beckwith the faculty adviser. Nevertheless such support is only just for so fine and worthy an enterprise. Let us hope that the Missionary Society will forever be, as it is now the most popular organization in the school.



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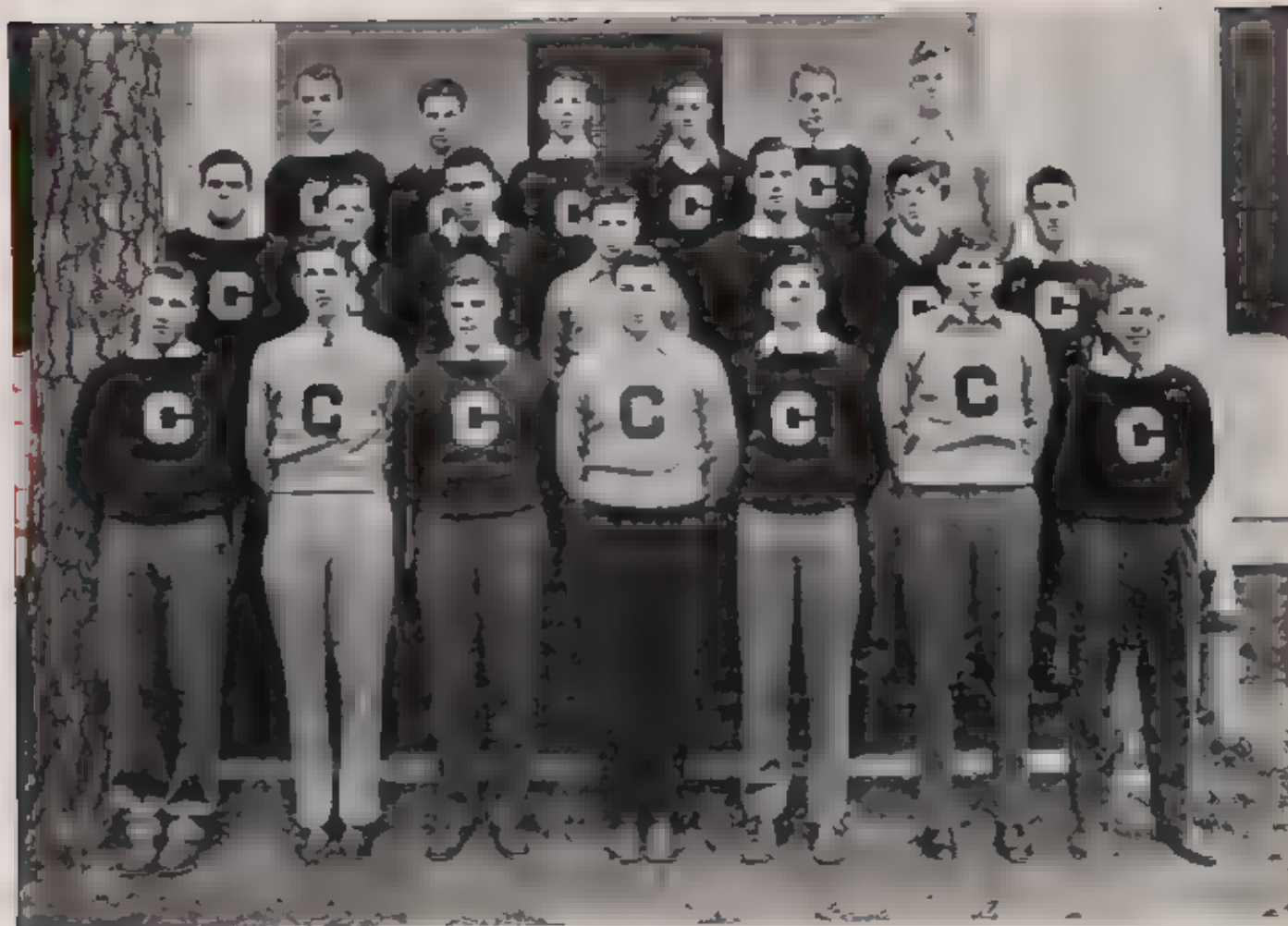
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Monogram Club

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SECOND ROW: D. Mulvey; W. B. Wall; J. R. Jenkins; C. W. McCauley; R. L. Brooke.

THIRD ROW: G. S. Sydnor; J. Van Cleeff; O. O. Ashworth; K. B. Griffin; H. Montague; E. M. Talley.

The Monogram Club



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FOOTBALL, BASEBALL

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BASKETBALL (MGR.), BASEBALL

Bob Mauck
BASKETBALL

Claude McCauley
FOOTBALL

Asa Miller
FOOTBALL

Hill Montague
FOOTBALL

Dave Mulvey
FOOTBALL

Bill Noftsinger
FOOTBALL

Bill Rixey
BASEBALL

Skip Sydnor
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Eddie Talley
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Jay Van Cleeff
FOOTBALL (MGR.)

Bo Wall
FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, BASEBALL

Bill Wall
FOOTBALL, BASEBALL



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St. Kit's Players

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MR BENJAMIN S. MORGAN JR

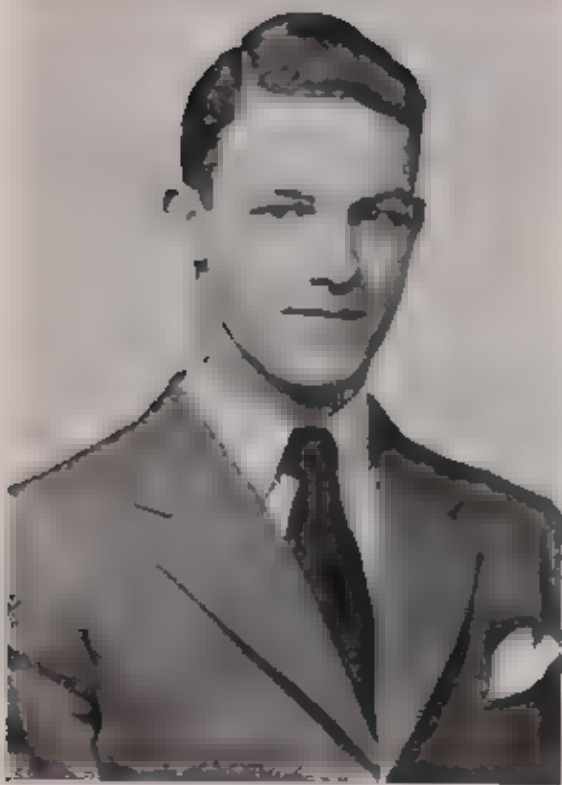
PLAYERS

Oscar Arne Ashworth (2), Rist n Brocke (2), Ned Conquest (2), Winston Gouldin (1), George Hall (1), Fred Hodges (2), William M. Jordan (2), Thomas Priady (2), Robert Spear (2), Jay Van Cleeff (2).

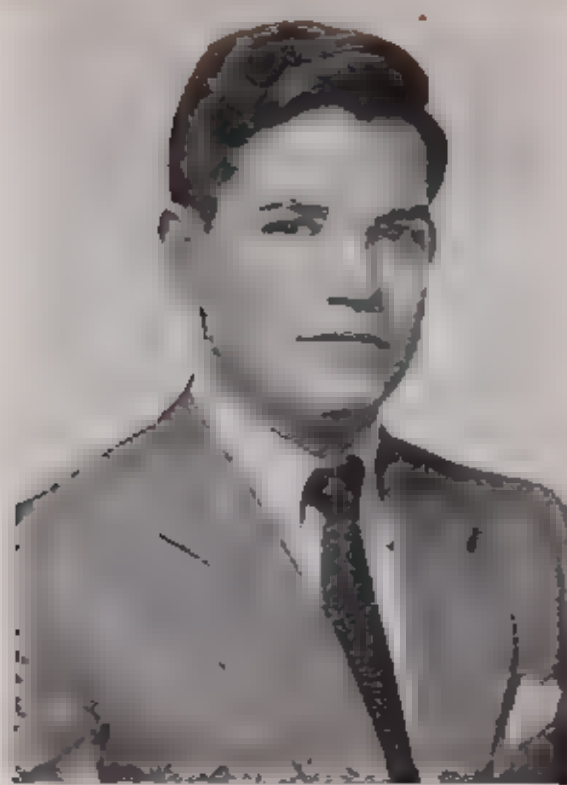
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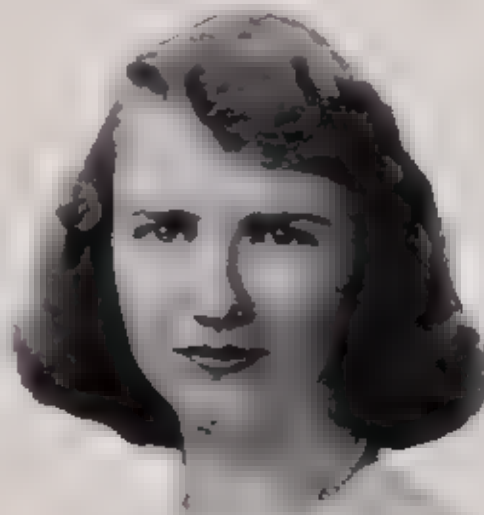


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The Dramatic Club

Just before Spring Vacation, a large audience, which packed the gymnasium until "Standing Room Only" signs had to be put out, witnessed the annual presentation of the St. Kit's Players. After many months of hard work by the actors and technical staff under the watchful eye and chiding wit of Mr. Morgan, the Director, it turned out to be one of the best performances ever given at St. Christopher's, and it was thoroughly enjoyed by both the audience and the Players.

The play, entitled "The Bishop Misbehaves," was a mystery comedy in three acts. The story begins in a pub in England, where Donald Meadows (Robert Speir), leader of the crooks, and his confederate, bartender Red Eagan (Sonny Ashworth), are planning a holdup. Meadow's fiancée, Miss Hester Grantham (Fred Hodges), is vainly trying to dissuade him when the car bearing the victims bursts a tire on the nails placed in the road outside. As she leaves by the back door, rich, bad-tempered Mr. Waller and



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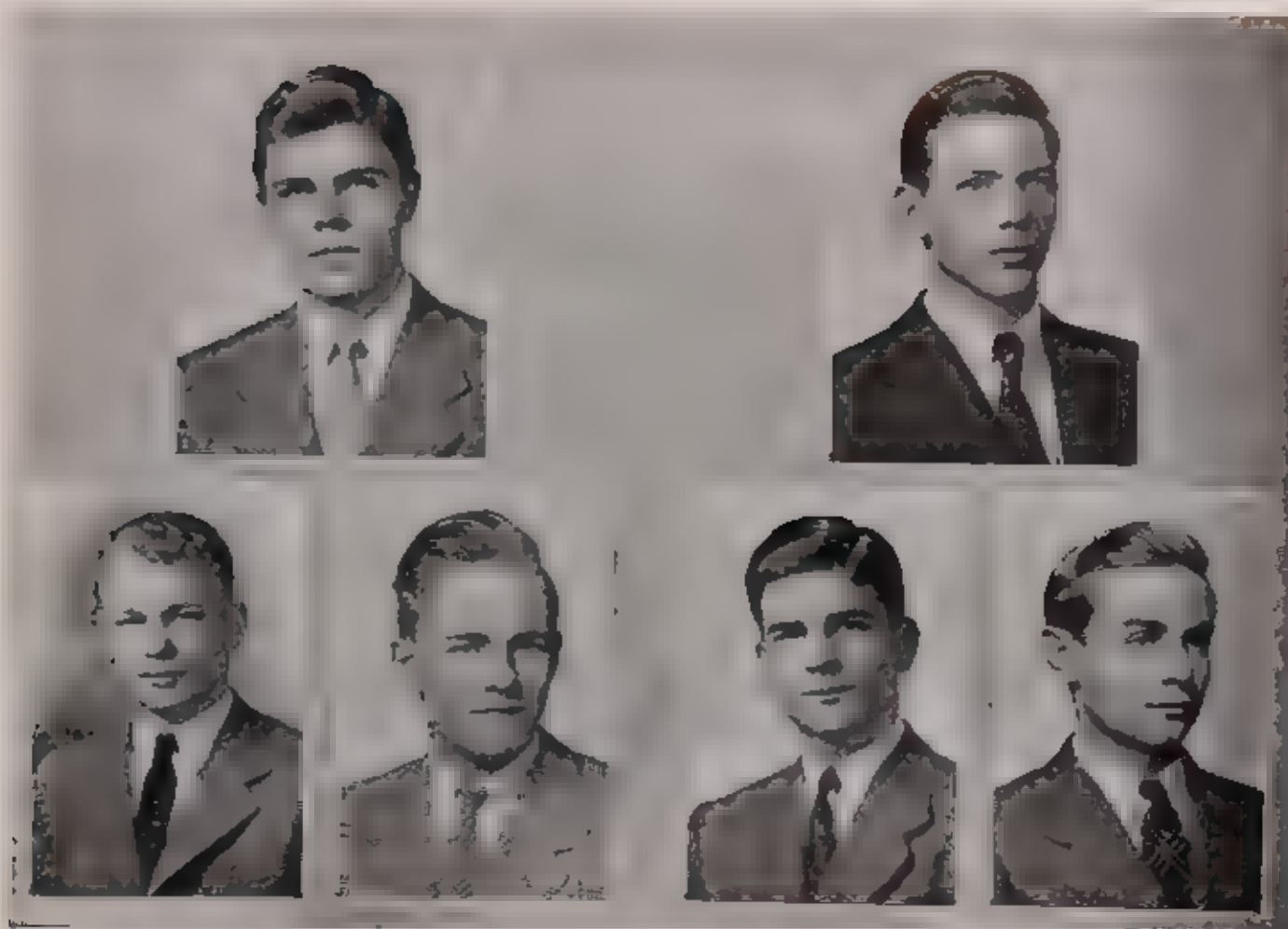
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his equally vociferous wife (played by Tommy Priddy and Ned Conquest) enter, while their chauffeur (Jay Van Cleeff), also in league with the crooks, goes off in search of a garage. They are robbed and locked up, and the loot is hidden in the pub to be retrieved later by Frenchy (Winston Gouldin).

However, the plan goes awry when the Bishop, who misbehaves by playing detective arrives, accompanied by his sister, Lady Emily Lyons, and discovers the loot through the suspicious actions of Red Ralston Brooke is natural and convincing as the clergyman, and George Hall provides the evening's comedy in his portrayal of Lady Emily. All the crooks and Miss Grantham follow the Bishop home to recover the loot, and there, much to the discomfort of the Bishop's secretary (Bill Moorman), the plot unfolds amid many explosions and other hilarious incidents. Mr. Meadows turns out to be a respectable young man trying to recover the money swindled from Miss Grantham's father by the villainous Walter. The Bishop finally succeeds in making the crooks "go straight," Mr. Waller returns the money, and the lovers happy.

A great amount of the credit goes to Mr. Morgan for his skillful direction, a lot of praise to Mr. Cruser and his technical staff for their fine backstage work, and hearty congratulations to the cast for their experienced acting and excellent entertainment.



The Literary Societies



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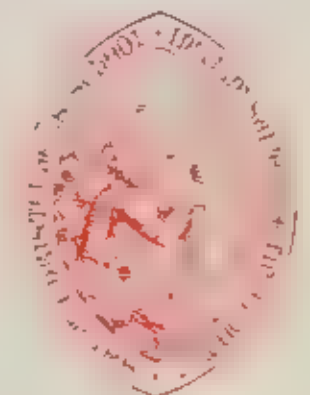
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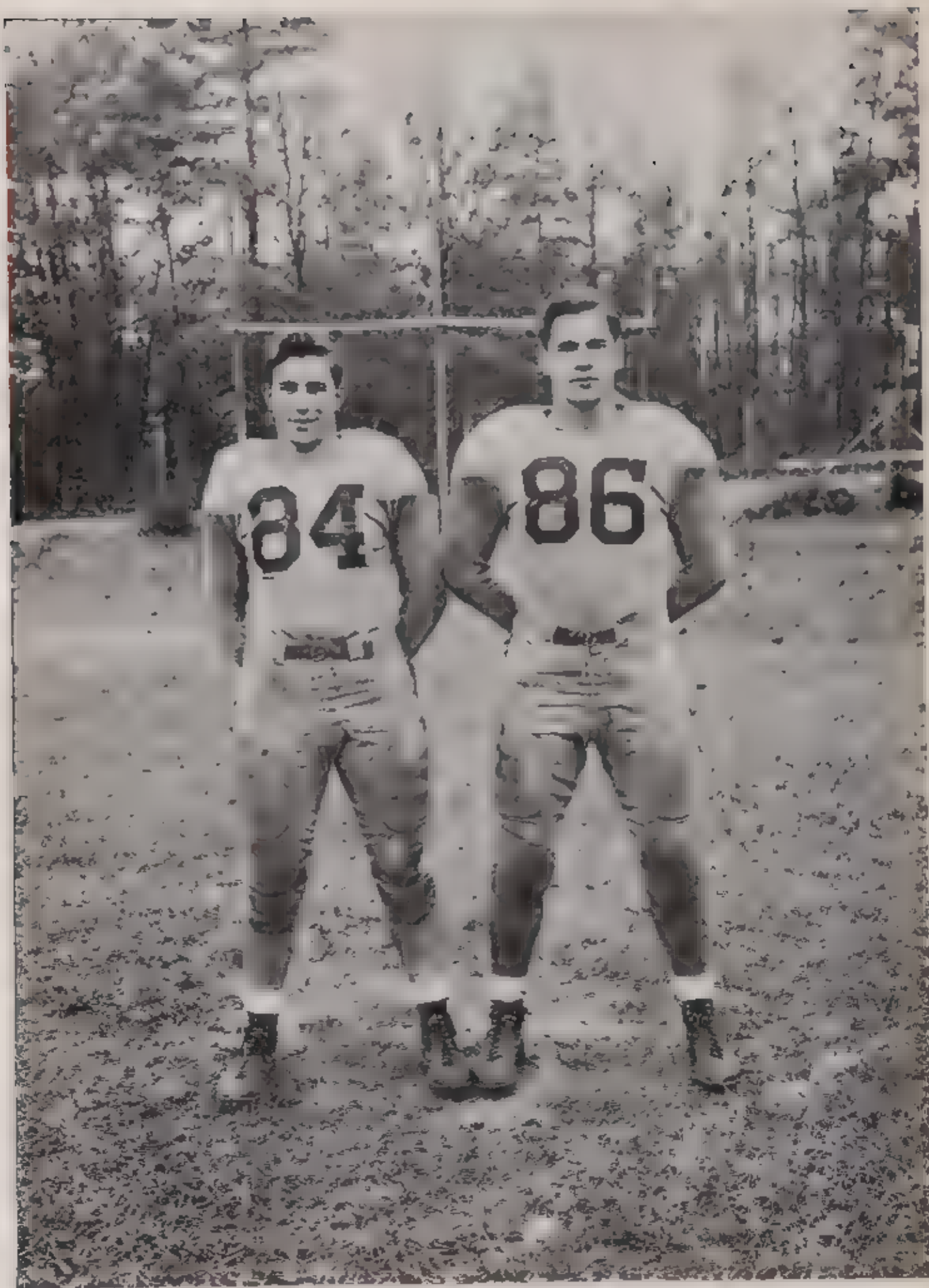
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COACH JOHN BRINER
COACH ALBERT JACOBS
COACH HUGH BRENNAN



ONCE again, for the second consecutive year, St. Christopher's has compiled an athletic record in the three major sports unequalled by that of any other school in the State, college or preparatory. Be it known we take no undue pride in such an achievement, to be sure, but let no one suppose that we are not humbly aware that Fate has been most kind. Indeed the Fickle Lady has blessed us with a formula which has been responsible in the greatest measure for our success. You see it illustrated in the photograph above this script. Behold it and you behold Black Magic. For in this picture you see no ordinary gentlemen, but rather wizards of strategy. Take them separately or join them in any way you choose, and out of the smoke we guarantee a winning combination will arise. Their ability in the field of friendly combat is without peer, and they are masters in assisting growing youth from adolescence into manhood. May this section of the annual serve as a memorial to their art.



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Co-Captains Lynn Chewning and Jonathan Jenkins



FOOTBALL



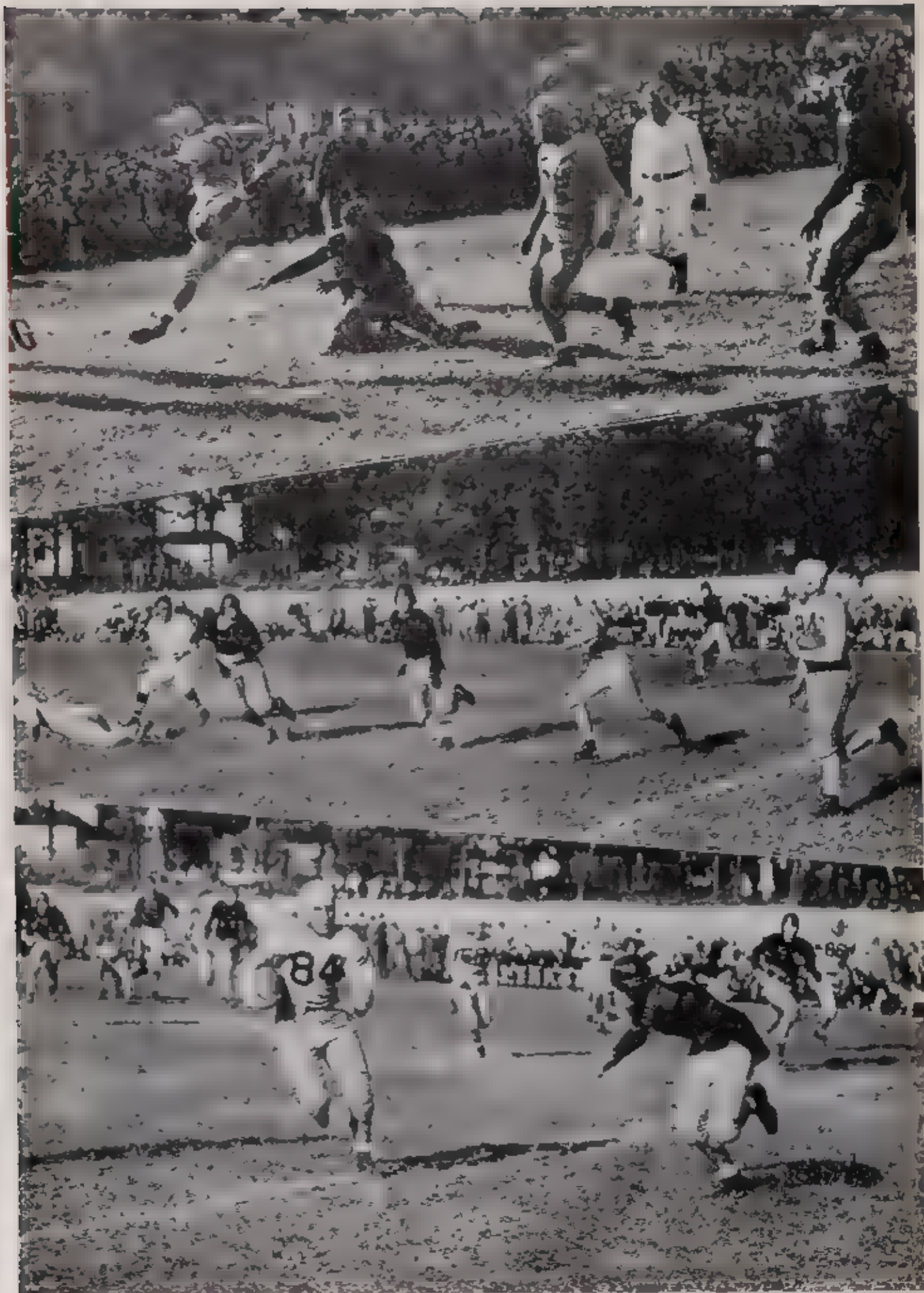
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Chewning Plays Tag with the Forest



UNDEFEATED AND UNTIED, CITY AND STATE CHAMPIONS

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

St. Christopher's	20	Hopewell	6
St. Christopher's	33	John Marshall	0
St. Christopher's	33	Episcopal High School	7
St. Christopher's	31	Benedictine	0
St. Christopher's	34	Thomas Jefferson	6
St. Christopher's	28	Woodberry Forest	6
St. Christopher's	20	Petersburg	6
St. Christopher's	48	Virginia Episcopal School	0
TOTAL	247	TOTAL	31



Raps and Taps 1945



FIRST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) E. M. Toney (Manager), R. L. Brooke, W. DesPortes, G. S. Sydnor, L. Davies, I. S. Horsley, D. G. Chapman, I. Vin Ceeth (Manager). SECOND ROW: Coach Brunser, E. Maris, A. W. Miller, Co-Captain I. P. Lawrence, Co-Captain I. R. Jenkins, J. B. Wall, E. B. Davenport, Coach Brennan. THIRD ROW: F. Holloway, W. B. Wall, W. H. Key, C. Mulvey, H. R. Tyler, H. A. Ford, H. Hart, R. K. Fox. FOURTH ROW: H. Montague, B. Dameron, C. McCauley, W. F. Hawkins, W. Noftinger, J. Smith, O. O. Asenworth, K. B. Grady.

Season of 1944

THE Fall of 1944 saw one of the greatest grid machines in the history of St. Christopher's trample eight opponents, scoring 247 points, and yielding only 31. This brought the total to 19 straight games over a period of a little more than two seasons. During these nineteen contests, the Saints scored 563 points to their opponents 69 — an average score of 30 to 4. A tremendous amount of the credit for this great achievement belongs to Coach Brennan and his staff. In his twenty two years as head coach, he has continually turned out winning teams. This year was no exception. The team was moulded around a nucleus of eleven returning lettermen. Several of last year's B-Team and a few new boys

filled all the remaining gaps. The leadership of Co-Captains Chewning and Jenkins was outstanding in every game. They encouraged the team in both sportsmanship and hard playing.

The Saints, for the second year in a row, captured both city and State championships, placing seven men on the All-State team, and six on the All-City eleven. Lynn Chewning, probably the greatest running back ever to enter St. Christopher's, led the team in scoring with 90 points. Bill Hawkins, a pile-driving fullback with an educated toe, tallied 81 points, making 21 out of 31 points from placement. As a backer-up he was outstanding, getting far above his share of tackles. He was voted the most valuable player in the city and captain of the mythical All-State eleven. Both he and Chewning were placed on the All-Southern Squad. The biggest surprise of the season was the performance of the line. At first our forewall was termed by many a weak point. However, after the Thomas Jefferson game it was recognized as one of the best in the State, despite its average of a mere 167 pounds. Many times our linemen, outweighed 20 pounds to the man, opened gaping holes in the opponent's defence. Jenkins, although hampered by injuries sustained early in the season, played brilliant ball, and, for the second straight year, he was voted the most valuable lineman in the city.

St. Christopher's, 20 — Hopewell, 6

Playing in the rain for the first time in five seasons, an untested Saint eleven waded to a 20 to 6 victory over the Blue Devils of Hopewell.



CHEWNING—Back
All City, All State
All Southern



HAWKINS—Back
All—City, All State
All Southern



JENKINS—Tackle
All City, All State



HO WALL—Back
All—State



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CHAPMAN - Back



FORD, End
All-City, All State



HORSLEY Center
All-City, All State



BROOKE Guard
All State

The honor of making the first tally of the season went to Doug Chapman when, near the end of the first quarter, he slipped, slithered, and slid his way 20 yards around right end into pay territory. Midway in the second period, after Chapman had sent a beautiful kick out of bounds on the Hopewell 4 yard line, and the opponents had kicked out to their 30, Lynn Chewning swept down the sidelines for the second marker. At the beginning of the final quarter, Hopewell, capitalizing on a tumble deep in Saint territory, made its lone score of the game. Soon afterwards, the Saints roared back when Chewning plowed over from the 4 yard line after a brilliant punt return by Bill Hawkins.

St. Christopher's, 33 — John Marshall, 0

The Saints started on the road to the City Championship by taking John Marshall in tow to the tune of 33-0. The first score came early in the game when Chewning plunged off tackle, streaking unmolested for twenty-four yards through the Justice secondary. On the following kickoff, Hawkins booted the ball into the end zone where it was pounced on by Bo Wall, ringing up another six pointer. In the first minute of the second quarter Ashworth, leading the Saint reserves, went over for the third touchdown. Desportes counted the fourth marker later in that period. The second team started after the half time and finished out the game. During the third quarter, the Saint reserves failed to score. However, in the fourth period, led by Chewning, they were able to push one more

touchdown across. The final gun found the Saints on the John Marshall 2 yard line, threatening to score again. The game was featured by Hawkins' excellent kickoffs, two of which went into the end zone.

St. Christopher's, 33 — Episcopal High School, 7

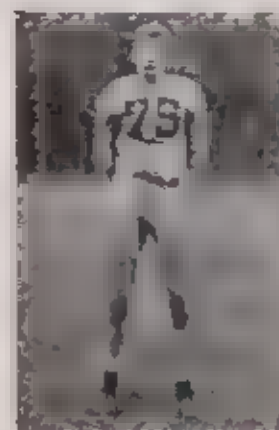
Journeying to Alexandria, the Saints took their first step toward the State Championship by defeating a green E. H. S. club 33 to 7. Usually tough on their own field, this year Episcopal was unable to stop the Saint powerhouse. Their best showing was made during the first few minutes of the game when, using defensive plays, they were able to stop the Saints. The game, however, soon developed into a rout. Chawning opened the scoring by bulling his way over midway in the first period. Blood was drawn again when, early in the second quarter, Chapman hit pay dirt for the Saints, after a ten yard dash. The reserves finished out the half. Only a few minutes of the second half were required for the first stringers to push across another tally, Wall scoring on the quarterback sneak. The second team took over and, showing a strong offense, pushed across two more scores. Both were passes to Griffin, whose receiving was excellent all afternoon.

St. Christopher's, 31 — Benedictine, 0

Meeting its toughest opposition to date, the Saint juggernaut scored a 31 to 0 victory over a fighting Benedictine eleven. Held scoreless in



NOFTSINGER
Tackle
All City



DAMERC End



HOLLOWAY
Guard



BILL WALL Back



Raps and Taps 1945



ASHWORTH - Back



RIXEY - Quarter



McCAULEY - Tackle



DESPORTES - Back

the first period, the Saints came back in the second quarter to break the ice. Pile-driving Bill Hawkins spearheaded the attack with a 39-yard trip to the Cadets' goal. Two plays after the opening of the second half, Lynn Chewning outdistanced his would-be tacklers for the second Saint tally. Several plays after the kickoff, an intercepted pass was converted by Hawkins into another six-pointer. Not to be outdone, Lynn grabbed a Cadet punt on his own 35 and streaked down the side-lines for a score before the amazed Cadets could stop him. The reserves took over in the final period and began a drive from their own 36. Two passes from Maris to Dameron put the ball on the 6 inch line, and Desportes rammed his way over on the next play.

St. Christopher's, 34 - Thomas Jefferson, 6

Minus Co-Captain Jenkins and three other regular linemen, the Saint reserve forewall and powerful backfield annexed the City Championship by crushing Tee Jay 34-6. The game at first moved slowly until Chewning got off a beautiful quick kick and followed it with a 27 yard punt return to the Jeff 35. Then the Saints began to roll. Two beautiful pass completions put them on the 4 yard line, and after several plays, Chewning bulled over for a touchdown. A Tee Jay kick, blocked by McCauley in the opening minutes of the second quarter, put the Saints on the Jeff 15. On the next play Chewning took a reverse for the second score. Shortly before the half, four quick running plays, gratis Chewning, Chapman, and Hawkins, added six more points

to the total. Substituting freely in the second half, the Saints chalked up 13 more points, Hawkins and Chewning doing the honors. Late in the game a quick kick misfired and set up Tee Jay's lone marker. The game ended with the ball in Jeff territory and the Saints ahead by a comfortable margin.

St. Christopher's, 28 — Woodberry Forest, 6

A little rusty after a week's lay off, the Saints nevertheless soundly defeated Woodberry 28 to 6. Although hindered by four penalties in nine plays, the home team opened their offensive with a 56 yard drive to the goal line, Chewning leaping over for the score. After an exchange of kicks, Chewning, Chapman, and Hawkins combined to carry the ball from the Tiger 46 yd. line into the end zone in three plays. The second period was all Woodberry. Twice they pressed as far as the Saint 20, but never farther. Several plays after the half, Ford recovered a Tiger fumble on their 35. On the next play Hawkins churned his way the remaining yards, bringing the total to 20 points. Woodberry blasted back driving to the Saint's 4 and 14 yard lines but could not put the ball over. The victors then took over and drove all the way for their fourth touchdown. The Tiger's score came near the end of the game when end Bill White intercepted a Saint pass and raced for the goal. Hawkins was the big gun of the afternoon, scoring three six-pointers and four singletons.



CYDNER Tackle



MARIS Bark



MOJTAGJE End



MULVEY Guard



Raps and Taps 1945



GRIFFIN - End



HART - Quarter



MILLER - Guard



SMITH - Tackle

Saint Christopher's, 20 — Petersburg, 6

Before a crowd of 7,000 spectators, the Saint powerhouse toppled Petersburg's State Class A Champions from the ranks of the undefeated. The Crimson Wave presented, without a doubt, the strongest aggregation the Saints faced all season.

An otherwise uneventful first quarter saw the Wave drive deep into St. C. territory but fail to score. Midway in the second period, after the Saints had marched from midfield to the Petersburg 8-yard line, Chewning swept their left end and went over for the first Saint score. Hawkins converted. Only a few minutes afterward Mallory intercepted a pass thrown from the Saint end zone, and several plays later Kitchen flipped the ball to Lanier for Petersburg's six points. The Saints came back strongly, but the half-time caught them on the Wave two yard line. Petersburg revived themselves and, twice during the third quarter, drove to within the Saint 25 yard line. However, they were unable to score. Early in the last period Bill Hawkins, who had been pounding the Wave forewall all afternoon, found an opening and raced 65 yards to pay dirt. The tiring Wave line was unable to stop the victors, and Chewning went over for the third and final Saint score.

St. Christopher's, 48 — V. E. S., 0

Putting the finishing touches on a perfect season, the Red 'n' Gray steamroller blasted its way

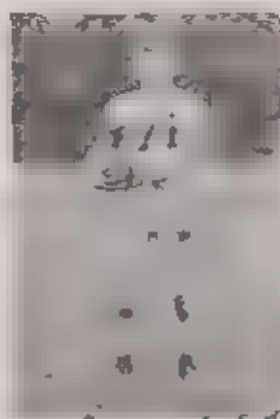
to the State Championship and a 48 to 0 victory over Virginia Episcopal School. The Saints took the kick-off on their own 47 and in five plays moved the leather over the Bishops' goal line. A 33 yard pass from Hawkins to the waiting arms of Broun Dameron gave the Saints their next score. Still another six-pointer was obtained when Chewning covered 25 yards in two plays. The next score came when Hawkins, breaking through the Bishops' forewall, blocked a pass, caught it and raced the distance for a touchdown. With Bo Wall, Desportes, and Chewning doing the ball handling, the Saints moved seventy yards down the field for another score, Chewning crossing the V. E. S. goal. An aerial to Bill Wall and one to Bo gave the Saints their last two touchdowns of the year. With everybody taking part in the game, it was a fitting way to close a highly successful and eventful season.



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Managers



DAVENPORT
Guard



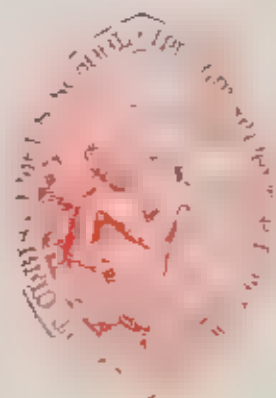
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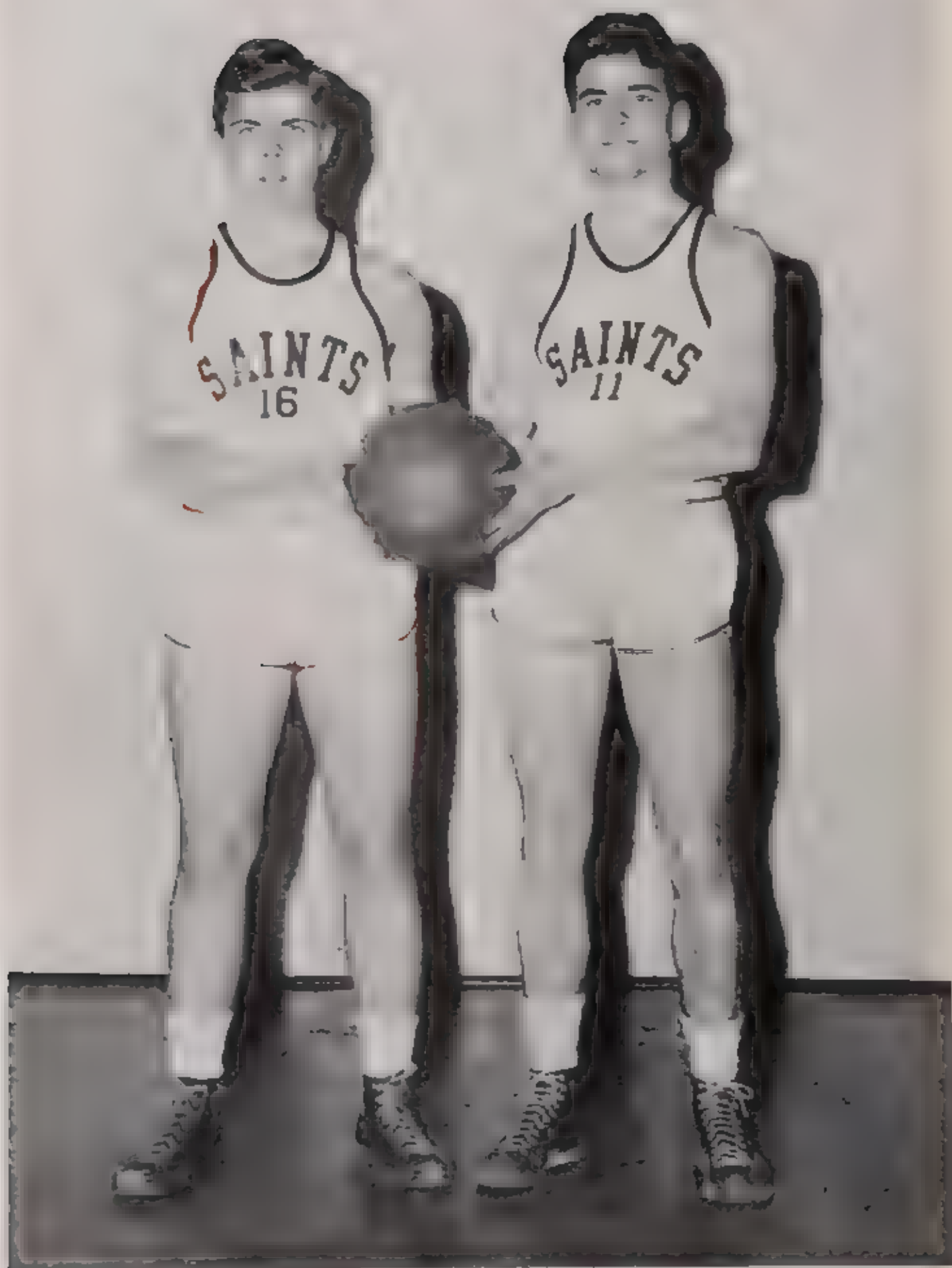
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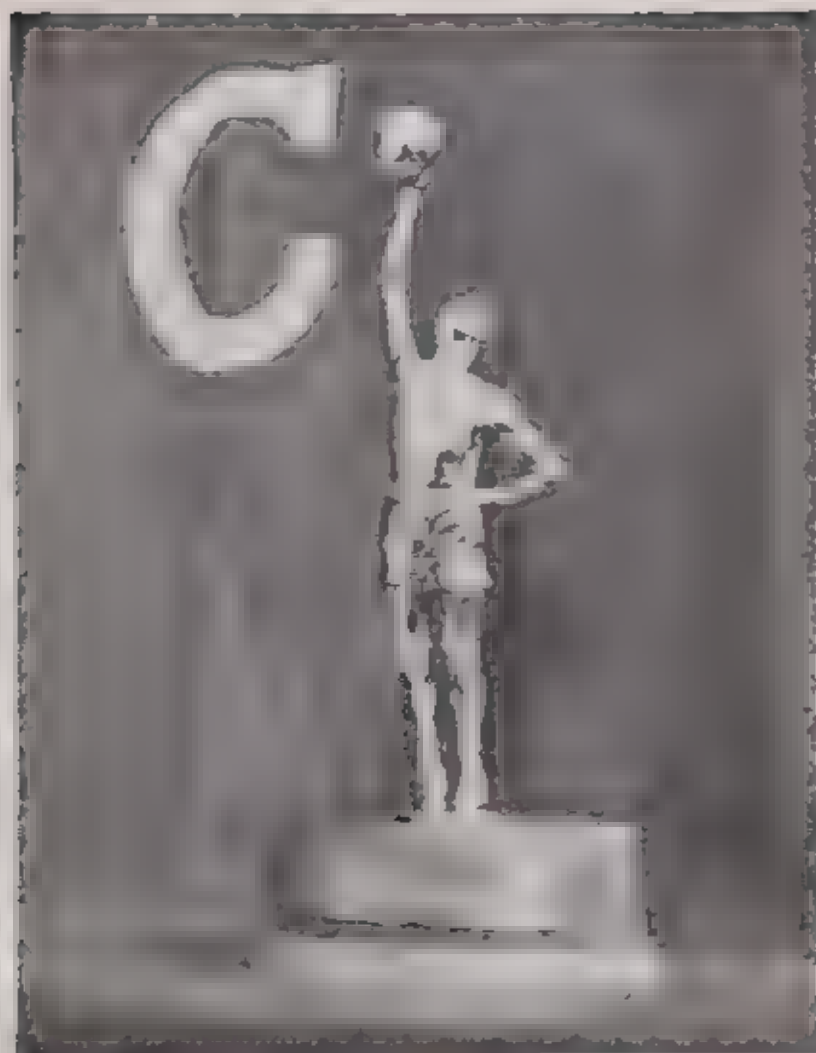
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Co-Captains Shelton Horsley and Aubrey Ford



BASKETBALL



MARION FOSTER
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BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

St. Christopher's	42	Fork Union	25
St. Christopher's	42	John Marshall	21
St. Christopher's	26	Thomas Jefferson	23
St. Christopher's	51	Benedictine	26
St. Christopher's	57	Benedictine	25
St. Christopher's	38	Petersburg	26
St. Christopher's	60	Hopewell	27
St. Christopher's	32	Woodberry Forest	43
St. Christopher's	66	Hopewell	23
St. Christopher's	33	Thomas Jefferson	27
St. Christopher's	51	Petersburg	30
St. Christopher's	45	John Marshall	30
St. Christopher's	42	Fork Union	19
St. Christopher's	56	Woodberry Forest	34
St. Christopher's	58	Virginia Episcopal School	30
TOTAL	699	TOTAL	409

Basketball, 1944-1945

THIS year's basketball team is undoubtedly the best aggregation ever to take to the hardwood for St. Christopher's. Mr. Jacobs, completing his sixth year of coaching, started the season with six lettermen, several new boys, and a few up from last year's "B" team. Led by Co-Captains Shelton Horsley and Aubrey Ford, both playing their third year of first string Varsity ball, the Saints emerged victors in fourteen out of fifteen contests. In these fifteen contests an average score of 47 to 27 was posted. Not enough credit can be attributed to Mr. Jacobs, Horsley, and Ford for the cooperation exhibited and work put out in moulding such a great team. The Saints captured the City Championship without a setback. However, they lost the State Championship on the percentage basis. Horsley, high scorer with 160 points, was placed on the All-City and All-State teams, while Bill Hawkins, with 129 points to his credit, was placed on the All-State team. Lettermen Chapman, Dameron, and Mauck all deserve credit for their essential contributions to the team.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 42—FORK UNION, 25

The Saints opened their 1945 season by trampling Fork Union 42-25. The team had practiced only a few days; nevertheless, the extremely green Fork Union quint was outclassed. Horsley led the scoring with 12 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 42—JOHN MARSHALL, 21

Starting their drive for the city crown, the Saint cagers outplayed John Marshall in every department, winning 42-21. They looked like a different team than the one that faced Fork Union as they climaxed the game with a dazzling finish, pulling away from a slim 15-10 half time lead. The floor play exhibited by Horsley and Hawkins was excellent. Shelton led the scorers.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 26—THOMAS JEFFERSON, 23

For the first time in the history of St. Christopher's, Thomas Jefferson was beaten on their own court. Under terrific pressure because of the imminence of Saint victory, both teams played poorly. The stubborn Jeffs, tough all the

Horsley Guard
All-City, All-State



Ford Guard



Hawkins Center
All-State



Chapman Forward



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way, could only cut the Saints half-time lead of 17-10 four points before the final whistle blew. Ford was high man for the Saints with 7 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 51—BENEDICTINE, 26

Horsley, sinking 13 points, and Hawkins, bucketing 12, led the Saints to victory over the hapless Benedictine Cadets. The 29 point total reached by the first five at the half was raised to 51 by the reserves.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 57—BENEDICTINE, 25

Again the Red and Gray ran wild, winning 57-25. The Cadets were literally pushed from the floor. Co-Captain Horsley led the onslaught with 19 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 38—PETERSBURG, 26

Forced to come from behind a 14-16 half-time deficit, the Red and Gray team flashed ahead late in the third quarter and continued to press home the attack, leading 38-26 at the end of the game. The Crimson Wave proved extremely tough, especially Cowles, who controlled the basket until the Saints staged a rally. Excellent foul-shooting netted the victors 12 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 60—HOPEWELL, 27

Minus Horsley, but nevertheless extremely potent, the Saints crushed Hopewell 60-27. Amassing a 35-17 lead by the intermission, the Jacobsmen coasted on to an easy victory. Chapman led the Saints with 13 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 32—WOODBERRY FOREST, 43

In seeking their eighth straight win, the Red and Gray cagers met with their only defeat of the season as Woodberry Forest grabbed the State Championship hardly before the race had begun. The Tigers fast-break kept the Saints dizzy for three quarters until, hopelessly behind, the losers rallied. Captain Valentine, of Woodberry, was high scorer, dropping in 13 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 66—HOPEWELL, 23

The Blue Devils, only able to sink six points the first half, never were a threat. The Red and Gray reserves, playing the last three quarters of the game, looked good. Ford and McCauley both scored 11 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 33—THOMAS JEFFERSON, 27

Clinching the City Championship, the Saint courtmen edged Thomas Jefferson 33-27 in a close ball game. Both teams battled furiously for the lead

Dameron, Forward

Mauck, Forward

Wall, Guard

Rixey, Guard



throughout the game, with the Saint's superiority under the basket, Hawkins, Ford, and Dameron leading the way, making the essential difference between the two teams.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 51—PETERSBURG, 30

Showing much more court ability than in their first encounter with the Wave, the Saints soundly thrashed the Petersburg combine 51-30. Led by Center Bill Hawkins, who rammed in seven field goals, the Red and Gray team outscored the visitors in every period. The Saints control of the backboard was the outstanding feature of the game.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 45—JOHN MARSHALL, 30

Making a clean sweep of six games in city competition, the Saint courtmen won a rough and hard-fought game from a determined John Marshall quint. Although the Saints were only one point ahead at the half, a third period rally gave them a lead which they never relinquished. Horsley led the Saints with 16 points and was closely followed by Dameron with 13.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 42—FORK UNION, 19

Coach Jacobs let his entire squad see action as the Red and Gray court machine rolled on, trampling Fork Union 42-19. Horsley scored 11 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 56—WOODBERRY FOREST, 34

In one of the best played games ever seen in the Saint Gymn, an inspired Red and Gray quint handed the Tigers their worst beating of the year, thus avenging their only defeat of the season. The first quarter was Woodberry's, but from then on the Saints couldn't be stopped. Before the half ended, they led 23-16. Completely covering the backboards, Hawkins and Dameron made the Tigers positions hopeless. Dameron led the scoring with 15 points.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, 58—VIRGINIA EPISCOPAL SCHOOL, 30

The last game of the season left no doubt as to the ability of the Saints 1945 basketball team. The Red and Gray quint took a 32-16 half time lead and stretched it to 50-30 before the final whistle blew. Co-Captain Horsley appropriately ended his basketball career at St. Christopher's with 23 points.

McCouley Forward

Martin, Forward

Garland, Guard

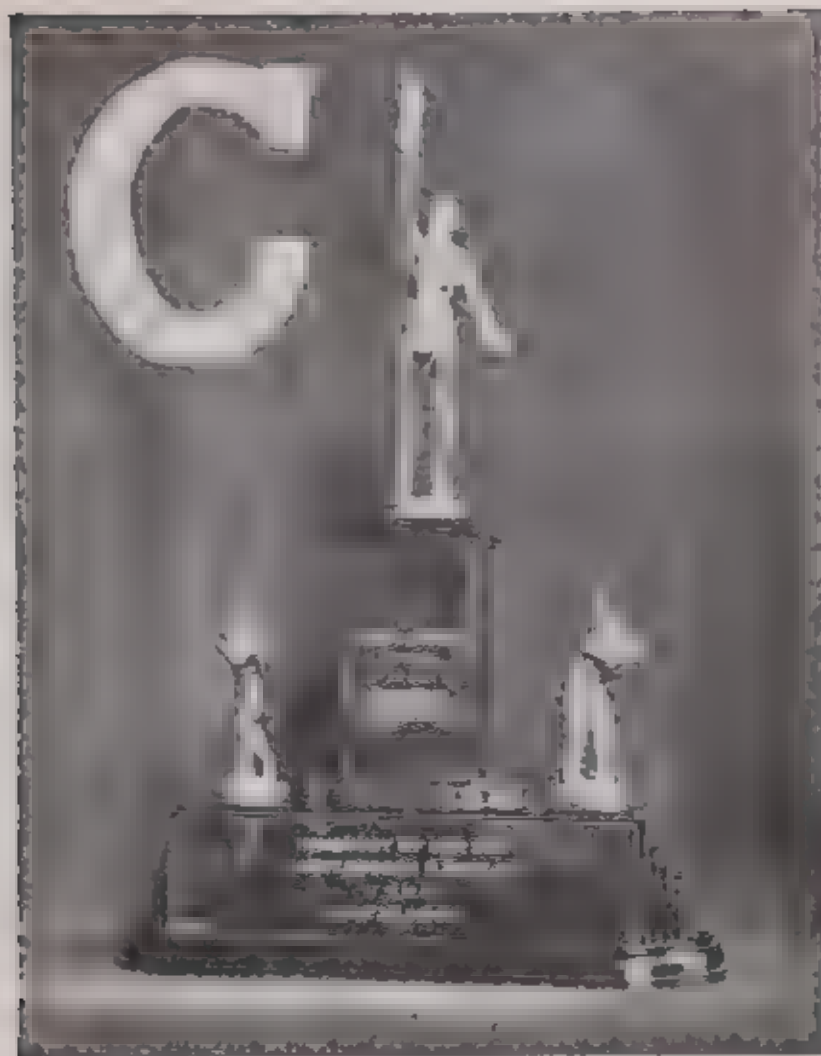
Maris, Manager



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Captain William Hawkins, Pitcher



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MISS ADRIAN VAIL
JUNIOR

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BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 4—Petersburg ———	There	April 28—Episcopal H. S.	Here
April 7 Petersburg ———	Here	April 30—Hopewell ———	Here
April 10—Fork Union	Here	May 4—Woodberry Forest	There
April 13—Benedictine .	Byrd Park	May 9—John Marshall	Byrd Park
April 17—Hopewell ..	There	May 11 Fork Union	There
April 21—Woodberry Forest	Here	May 15—Thomas Jefferson	Here
April 24—Thomas Jefferson	There	May 19 Benedictine ———	Here

Baseball Prospects

THIS spring St. Christopher's baseball team looks toward an extremely successful season. As the Annual goes to press, Coach Brinser's nine has played four games, winning three and losing only to Benedictine 6-5. Five holdovers and four newcomers make up the starting aggregation. Captain Hawkins, who batted .421 last year and pitched the Saints to ten wins, has thus far retained his old form in the opening encounters. Lynn Chewning still mans the initial sack and with his speed should accumulate more than his share of stolen bases. Teddy Maris is covering a lot

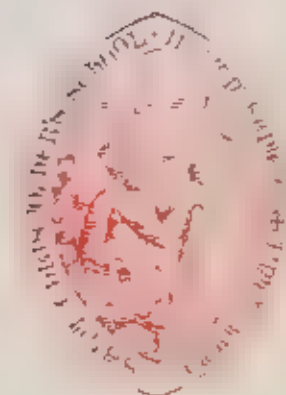
of territory around second base for the third consecutive year, and hard-hitting Jonnie Jenkins is again a fixture in right field. The only remaining letterman, Doug Chapman, has been switched from shortstop to catcher, where his slingshot arm should prove a valuable asset in snagging opposing base runners. His old position has been taken over by Broun Dameron, a natural ball player who has already shown great promise in that spot. Dave Weeks, another smooth fielder with plenty of zip on the ball, seems to have the hot corner well in hand. Bill Rixey and Bill Desportes round out the team, alternating with Hawkins between the outfield and the pitcher's box. Bill Wall, Kay Fox, and Claude McCauley afford capable replacement for the regulars and are ready and eager to step right into the first available position.



INFIELD

FIRST ROW (Left to Right) Weeks Third Base Fox Utility SECOND ROW Chewning, First Base Maris Second Base; Dameron, Shortstop.

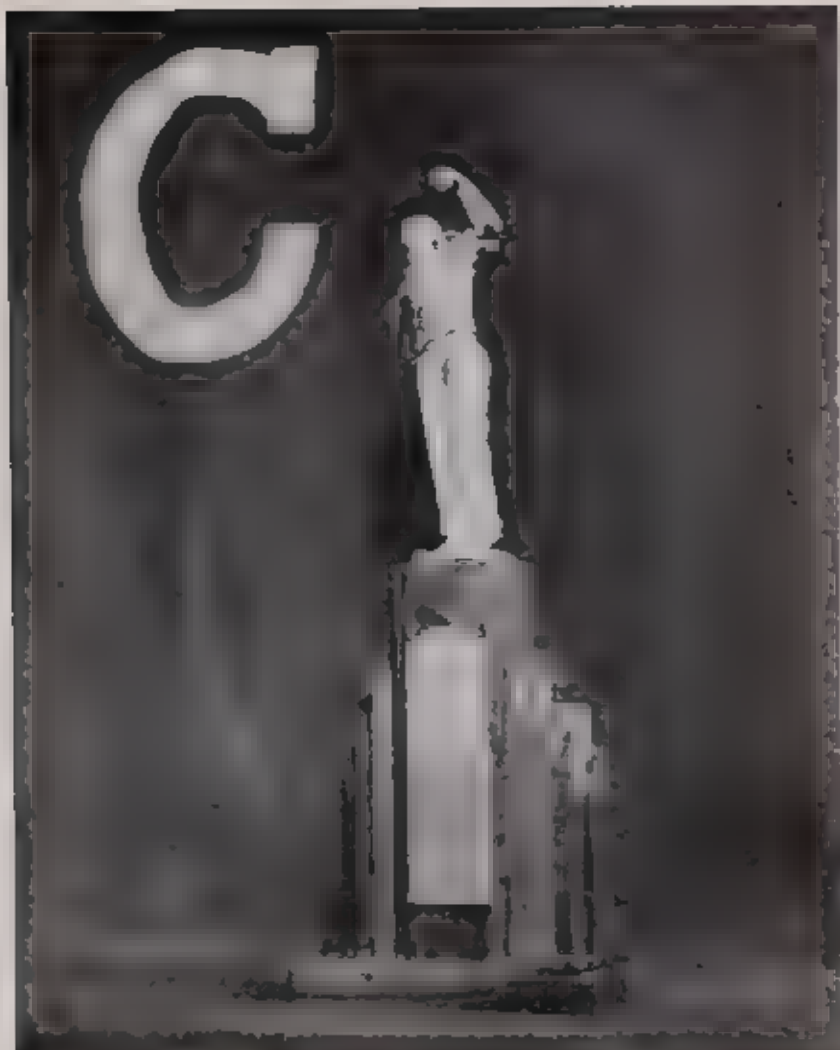
Chapman Catcher Jenkins Right field Rixey Left field Wall Center McCauley Utility Desportes Pitcher



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Captain Shelton Horsley, No. 1



TENNIS



MARGARET CONRO
SENIOR



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FIRST ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT) W. H. Horsley, Captain J. S. Horsley. SECOND ROW. H. H. Mauck, G. S. Sydnor, H. A. Ford, O. O. Ashworth

Tennis Prospects

FOR the past five years St. Christopher's has sponsored a Varsity Tennis Team. The record established by it is an admirable one, for the team has never failed to win at least one championship. This year a difficult job lies ahead for the Saint netmen. For, despite the fact that they comprise on paper one of the best teams to come out of the school in recent years, they must face opposition equally as strong and improved. Nevertheless, with a veteran team on hand, the Saint racket-swingers will be hard to beat.

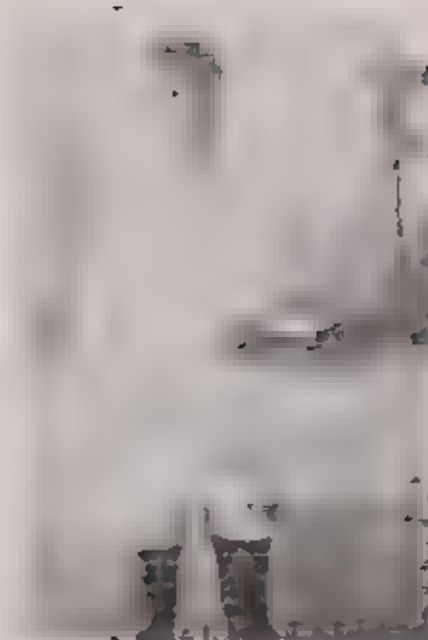
The lineup for this year's starting six consists of Shelton Horsley, Sonny Ashworth, Aubrey Ford, Bobby Mauck, Skip Sydnor, and Waller Horsley, playing in the order named. The elder Horsley was undefeated last year and established himself as one of the outstanding tennis players in the city and state. Any match he loses this year can be classified as an upset. Ashworth, with three years of experience to back him up, is another consistent winner who can be counted on for more than his share of victories. Ford plays a very



Sonny Ashworth, No. 2



Aubrey Ford, No. 3



Bobby Mauck, No. 4

steady type of game that is difficult to combat, and he is fast developing into a virtual "human backboard". Mauck, who holds down the number four position, hits a low, well paced ball. One of the most improved players on the team, he stands a good chance of going undefeated this season. Skip Sydnor plays an extremely hard-driving game and, though handicapped by poor vision, is death to his opponents when hot. Waller Horsley, in the number six slot, rounds out the team. Only thirteen, he has already won a reputation throughout the city for his unusual ability and appears to be following right in his brother's footsteps. Doubles combinations for this year are Shelton Horsley and Ashworth, Ford and Mauck, and Sydnor and Waller Horsley, respectively.

TENNIS SCHEDULE

April 13—Thomas Jefferson, Here

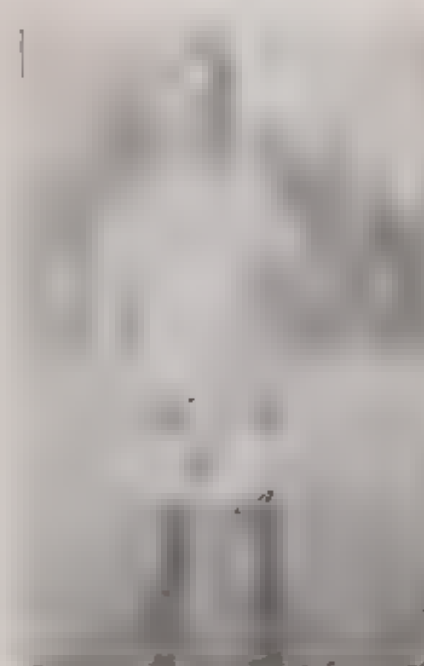
April 21—Woodberry Forest, Here

May 1 Thomas Jefferson There

May 4—Woodberry Forest.
There

May 11 Fork Union, There

May 18 Fork Union, Here



Skip Sydnor, No. 5



Waller Horsley No. 6



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Saints On the Rampage



JEFFERSON DAVIS MONUMENT

Middle School

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The Lower School

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L. S.

SECOND Row Giddin G M, Giddin J F, M. Henry, K. H., Daniel, T. M., Weaver J M;
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Lower School Activities

THE Lower School opened Tuesday, September 12, with a record enrollment of one hundred and twenty-seven boys. Every form is filled to its limit. The only new member of our faculty is Mrs. Volney Shepard, who is teaching one section of the First Form. She moved to Richmond recently from West Virginia, and we are very happy to have her with us at St. Christopher's.

Jackie Witt, who was elected Leader last June, was ready to take up his duties and responsibilities on the opening day, and has made an excellent head of the Lower School.

The Junior Missionary Society, with Herbert Harris as President, and Bobby Anderson as Secretary, has continued to work for the schools and other organizations in which we have been interested for many years. Our Christmas offering was divided between St. Christopher's Hostel in England and the Red Cross fund for the relief of our prisoners of war in Europe.

Meetings of the Literary Societies were held throughout the year. The Jacksons, under their leaders, Rikky Ekstrom, Jimmy Covington, and Archer Ruffin, were determined to take the cup from the Lees; and the latter, under Massie Valentine, Billy Street, and Powell Williams, were equally firm in holding on to it. Every meeting was a spirited contest, and our only regret is that the school room is not big enough to furnish seats for the audience of parents and friends whose interest adds so much to our pleasure on these occasions.

The Christmas Pageant was one of the loveliest we have ever had. Miss Burrus, our Art Director, designed a representation of the stable at Bethlehem, which made a new and beautiful background for the two scenes, "The Adoration", and "The Coming of the Kings." With the help of the boys from the Upper School, the walls of the gymnasium were banked with evergreens, and the windows were covered with imitation stained glass. Overnight the room changed from our ordinary playground to an appropriate setting for the Christmas music, which the choir of school boys sang under the skillful direction of Miss Cowles.



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A more detailed account of our Athletic Activities is written up on another page. Seldom has the Lower School had such a successful year, due to the interest and hard work of our athletic directors, Mr. Reddick, Mr. Isbell, Mr. Cruser and Allen Johnston. We will never forget the things we have learned and the fun we have had in our sports this year.

The Junior Red Cross, directed by Mrs. Mason, has been active and successful in collecting and making articles which we hope have given a little pleasure or comfort to the children in other countries and to the soldiers in our hospitals, especially McGuire's. Traces of our vigorous campaign for bottle tops will probably be found on our school yard for many a day.

Lower School Athletics

ATHLETICS in the Lower School have flourished and increased this year until they reached a higher level of activity and competition than they previously have for many years. Mr. Reddick, the new coach, found an unusually co-operative, responsive, and spirited Fifth Form squad, which was both willing and able to work towards a successful season in football. The "varsity", led by such veterans as Witt, who was elected captain, Valentine, and Ruffin, scored 187 points to its opponents' 12. Furthermore, it was defeated only once during the entire season. A 28-0 victory was registered in the first game with the Fleas of the Middle School. However, in a return engagement, the Fleas—miraculously changed into Midgets—won a 6-0 decision. During the rest of the season, frequent practices and scrimmages were held with the Fleas. In three games with outside competition, one-sided victories were the result.

The smaller boys of Mr. Isbell's squad played a daily intra-squad game, and the Reds held a slight edge over the Greys this year. Bird, Street, Munson, Lee, Bradish, McElroy, and many others are promising prospects for next year's "varsity."



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FOOTBALL TEAM



BASKETBALL SQUAD

Basketball also prospered under the able coaching of Mr. Reddick. The first team, headed by Captain Massie Valentine, scored victories over Ginter Park 19-10 and 40-32. Furthermore, they played on even terms with such older and taller teams as the Pioneers of the Richmond Y.M.C.A. and the Midgets of the Middle School. In addition, a schedule of intra mural games was played, with Valentine's group leading at the season's end. The outdoor squad diverted itself most of the winter with a simplified field hockey played under the direction of Mr. Isbell and Mr. Cruser.

As Raps and Taps goes to press, the Lower School looks forward to the baseball season, expecting to round out the most successful athletic season in its history. Much credit for the current success is due to Mr. Reddick and his assistants, Mr. Isbell, Mr. Cruser, and Alan Johnston. It must be remembered, however, that their work was expedited by the fighting spirit, enthusiasm, and hard work of the boys.



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WITHIN the limited space of this issue of RAPS AND TAPS, it has been our purpose to present school life during 1944-1945 as fully and clearly as possible. It is enough reward for us if this volume succeeds in giving the reader, besides an accurate record, many pleasant memories of the wonderful days spent at St. Christopher's.



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